





USER'S MANUAL

Thank you very much for purchasing the GX-500/400/300.

- To ensure correct and safe usage with a full understanding of this product's performance, please be sure to read through this manual completely and store it in a safe location.
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- For the USA—

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION RADIO FREQUENCY INTERFERENCE STATEMENT

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules

These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment.

This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications.

Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference in which case the user will be required to correct the interference at his own expense.

Unauthorized changes or modification to this system can void the users authority to operate this equipment.

The I/O cables between this equipment and the computing device must be shielded

For Canada

CLASS A NOTICE

This Class A digital apparatus meets all requirements of the Canadian Interference-Causing Equipment Regulations.

CLASSE A AVIS

Cet appareil numérique de la classe A respecte toutes les exigences du Règlement sur le matériel brouilleur du Canada.

NOTICE

Grounding Instructions

Do not modify the plug provided - if it will not fit the outlet, have the proper outlet installed by a qualified electrician.

Check with qualified electrician or service personnel if the grounding instructions are not completely understood, or if in doubt as to whether the tool is properly grounded.

Use only 3-wire extension cords that have 3-prong grounding plugs and 3-pole receptacles that accept the tool's plug.

Repair or replace damaged or worn out cord immediately.

Operating Instructions

KEEP WORK AREA CLEAN. Cluttered areas and benches invites accidents

DON'T USE IN DANGEROUS ENVIRONMENT. Don't use power tools in damp or wet locations, or expose them to rain. Keep work area well lighted.

DISCONNECT TOOLS before servicing; when changing accessories, such as blades, bits, cutters, and like.

REDUCE THE RISK OF UNINTENTIONAL STARTING. Make sure the switch is in off position before plugging in.

USE RECOMMENDED ACCESSORIES. Consult the owner's manual for recommended accessories. The use of improper accessories may cause risk of injury to persons.

NEVER LEAVE TOOL RUNNING UNATTENDED. TURN POWER OFF. Don't leave tool until it comes to a complete stop.



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MODEL NAME : See the MODEL given on the rating plate.
RELEVANT DIRECTIVE : EC LOW VOLTAGE DIRECTIVE (73/23/EEC)

EC ELECTROMAGNETIC COMPATIBILITY DIRECTIVE (89/336/EEC)

WARNING

This is a Class A product. In a domestic environment this product may cause radio interference in which case the user may be required to take adequate measures.

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⚠ To Ensure Safe Use

Improper handling or operation of this machine may result in injury or damage to property. Points which must be observed to prevent such injury or damage are described as follows.

About **WARNING** and **CAUTION** Notices

AWARNING	Used for instructions intended to alert the user to the risk of death or severe injury should the unit be used improperly.
∆ CAUTION	Used for instructions intended to alert the user to the risk of injury or material damage should the unit be used improperly. * Material damage refers to damage or other adverse effects caused with respect to the home and all its furnishings, as well to domestic animals or pets.

About the Symbols

A	The \triangle symbol alerts the user to important instructions or warnings. The specific meaning of the symbol is determined by the design contained within the triangle. The symbol at left means "danger of electrocution."
	The \bigcirc symbol alerts the user to items that must never be carried out (are forbidden). The specific thing that must not be done is indicated by the design contained within the circle. The symbol at left means the unit must never be disassembled.
	The symbol alerts the user to things that must be carried out. The specific thing that must be done is indicated by the design contained within the circle. The symbol at left means the powercord plug must be unplugged from the outlet.

! Incorrect operation may cause injury

MARNING



Be sure to follow the operation procedures described in this documentation. Never allow anyone unfamiliar with the usage or handling of the machine to touch it.

Incorrect usage or handling may lead to an accident.



Keep children away from the machine.

The machine includes areas and components that pose a hazard to children and may result in injury, blindness, choking, or other serious accident.



Never attempt to disassemble, repair, or modify the machine.

Doing so may result in fire, electrical shock, or injury. Entrust repairs to a trained service technician.



For accessories (optional and consumable items, power cord, and the like), use only genuine articles compatible with this machine.

Incompatible items may lead to an accident.

ACAUTION



Exercise caution to avoid being pinched or becoming caught.

Inadvertent contact with certain areas may cause the hand or fingers to be pinched or become caught. Use care when performing operations.



Never attempt operation while wearing a necktie, necklace, or loose clothing. Bind long hair securely.

Such items may become caught in the machine, resulting in injury.



Caution: cutting tool.

This machine has an internal tool. To avoid injury, handle the tool with care.



Before attempting cleaning, maintenance, or attachment or detachment of optional items, disconnect the power cord.

Attempting such operations while the machine is connected to a power source may result in injury or electrical shock.



Never use the machine for any purpose for which it is not intended, or use the machine in an undue manner that exceeds its capacity.

Doing so may result in injury or fire.

This machine weighs 60 kg (135 lb.)

MARNING



Install in a location that is level and stable. Installation in an unsuitable location may cause an accident, including a fall or tipover.



Unloading and emplacement are operations that must be performed by two persons or more.

Tasks that require undue effort when performed by a small number of persons may result in physical injury. Also, if dropped, such items may cause injury.

MWARNING



Release the caster locks for the stand before attempting to move.

Otherwise the unit may tip over and cause in-



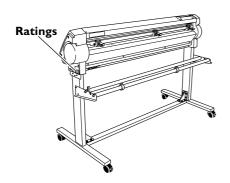
/!\ Danger of electrical short, shock, electrocution, or fire

** WARNING**



Connect to an electrical outlet that complies with this machine's ratings (for voltage, frequency, and current).

Incorrect voltage or insufficient current may cause fire or electrical shock.





Never use out of doors or in any location where exposure to water or high humidity may occur. Never touch with wet hands. Doing so may result in fire or electrical shock.



Never allow any foreign object to get inside. Never expose to liquid spills.

Inserting objects such as coins or matches or allowing beverages to be spilled into the ventilation ports may result in fire or electrical shock. If anything gets inside, immediately disconnect the power cord and contact your authorized Roland DG Corp. dealer.



Never place any flammable object nearby. Never use a combustible aerosol spray nearby. Never use in any location where gases can accumulate.

Combustion or explosion may be a danger.

NWARNING



Handle the power cord, plug, and electrical outlet correctly and with care. Never use any article that is damaged.

Using a damaged article may result in fire or electrical shock.



When using an extension cord or power strip, use one that adequately satisfies the machine's ratings (for voltage, frequency, and current).

Use of multiple electrical loads on a single electrical outlet or of a lengthy extension cord may cause fire.



Connect to ground.

This can prevent fire or electrical shock due to current leakage in the event of malfunction.



When the machine will be out of use for a prolonged period, disconnect the power cord.

This can prevent accidents in the event of current leakage or unintended startup.



Position so that the power plug is within immediate reach at all times.

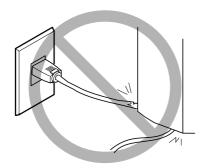
This is to enable quick disconnection of the power plug in the event of an emergency. Install the machine next to an electrical outlet. Also, provide enough empty space to allow immediate access to the electrical outlet.



If sparking, smoke, burning odor, unusual sound, or abnormal operation occurs, immediately unplug the power cord. Never use if any component is damaged.

Continuing to use the machine may result in fire, electrical shock, or injury. Contact your authorized Roland DG Corp. dealer.

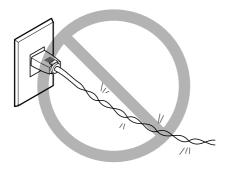
1 Important notes about the power cord, plug, and electrical outlet



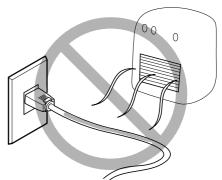
Never place any object on top or subject to damage.



Never allow to get wet.



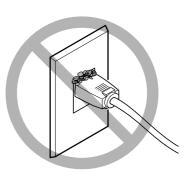
Never bend or twist with undue force.



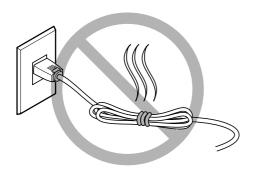
Never make hot.



Never pull with undue force.



Dust may cause fire.

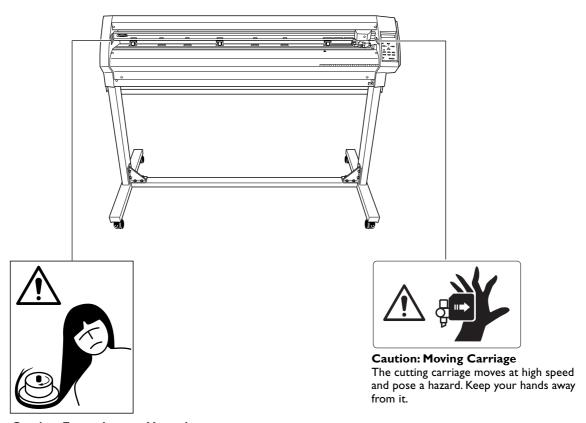


Never bundle, bind, or roll up.

⚠ Warning Labels

Warning labels are affixed to make areas of danger immediately clear. The meanings of these labels are as follows. Be sure to heed their warnings.

Also, never remove the labels or allow them to become obscured.



Caution: Entanglement Hazard Never inadvertently allow hands, hair, clothing such as neckties, or the like near rotating parts while in operation.



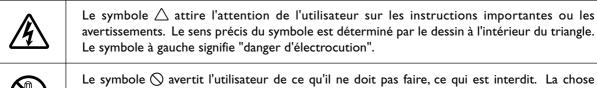
Pour utiliser en toute sécurité

La manipulation ou l'utilisation inadéquates de cet appareil peuvent causer des blessures ou des dommages matériels. Les précautions à prendre pour prévenir les blessures ou les dommages sont décrites ci-dessous.

Avis sur les avertissements

ATTENTION	Utilisé pour avertir l'utilisateur d'un risque de décès ou de blessure grave en cas de mauvaise utilisation de l'appareil.	
A	Utilisé pour avertir l'utilisateur d'un risque de blessure ou de dommage matériel en cas de mauvaise utilisation de l'appareil.	
⚠PRUDENCE	* Par dommage matériel, il est entendu dommage ou tout autre effet indésirable sur la maison, tous les meubles et même les animaux domestiques.	

À propos des symboles





Le symbole \bigcirc avertit l'utilisateur de ce qu'il ne doit pas faire, ce qui est interdit. La chose spécifique à ne pas faire est indiquée par le dessin à l'intérieur du cercle. Le symbole à gauche signifie que l'appareil ne doit jamais être démonté.



Le symbole prévient l'utilisateur sur ce qu'il doit faire. La chose spécifique à faire est indiquée par le dessin à l'intérieur du cercle. Le symbole à gauche signifie que le fil électrique doit être débranché de la prise.

Le poids de cet appareil est de 60 kg (135 lb.)

ATTENTION



Installer l'appareil à un endroit stable et plat.

Installer l'appareil à un endroit inapproprié peut provoquer un accident grave comme le renversement ou la chute.



Le déchargement et la mise en place doivent être faits par au moins deux personnes.

La chute d'articles très lourds peut aussi causer des blessures.

riangleATTENTION



Débloquer le mécanisme d'arrêt des roulettes du support avant de le déplacer.

Sinon l'appareil pourrait se renverser et provoquer des blessures.

L'utilisation incorrecte peut causer des blessures

ATTENTION



S'assurer de suivre les procédures d'utilisation décrites dans la documentation. Ne jamais permettre à quiconque ne connaît pas le fonctionnement ou la manutention de l'appareil de le toucher.

L'utilisation ou la manutention incorrectes peuvent causer un accident.



Garder les enfants loin de l'appareil.

L'appareil comporte des zones et des composants qui présentent un danger pour les enfants et qui pourraient causer des blessures, la cécité, la suffocation ou d'autres accidents graves.



Ne jamais tenter de démonter, de réparer ou de modifier l'appareil.

Le non-respect de cette consigne risque de provoquer un incendie, un choc électrique ou des blessures. Confier les réparations à un technicien ayant la formation requise.



Utiliser uniquement des accessoires d'origine (accessoires en option, articles consommables, câble d'alimentation et autres articles semblables), compatibles avec l'appareil.

Les articles incompatibles risquent de causer des accidents.

PRUDENCE



Faire preuve de prudence pour éviter l'écrasement ou le coincement.

La main ou les doigts peuvent être écrasés ou coincés s'ils entrent en contact avec certaines surfaces par inadvertance. Faire preuve de prudence pendant l'utilisation de l'appareil.



Ne jamais faire fonctionner l'appareil si on porte une cravate, un collier ou des vêtements amples. Bien attacher les cheveux longs.

Ces vêtements ou ces objets peuvent être coincés dans l'appareil, ce qui causerait des blessures.



Attention : outil de coupe.

Cet appareil contient un outil interne. Pour éviter les blessures, manipuler l'outil avec soin.



Débrancher le câble d'alimentation avant de procéder au nettoyage ou à l'entretien de l'appareil, et avant d'y fixer ou d'en retirer des accessoires en option.

Tenter ces opérations pendant que l'appareil est branché à une source d'alimentation peut causer des blessures ou un choc électrique.



Ne jamais utiliser l'appareil à des fins autres que celles pour lesquelles il est conçu. Ne jamais l'utiliser de manière abusive ou d'une manière qui dépasse sa capacité.

Le non-respect de cette consigne peut causer des blessures ou un incendie.



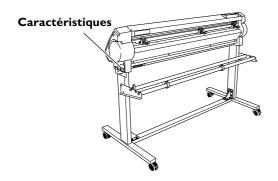
! Risque de décharge ou de choc électrique, d'électrocution ou d'incendie

!\ATTENTION



Brancher à une prise électrique conforme aux caractéristiques de cet appareil (tension, fréquence et courant).

Une tension incorrecte ou un courant insuffisant peuvent causer un incendie ou un choc électrique.





Ne jamais utiliser à l'extérieur ni à un endroit où l'appareil risque d'être exposé à de l'eau ou à une humidité élevée. Ne jamais toucher l'appareil avec des mains mouillées.

Le non-respect de cette consigne risque de provoquer un incendie ou un choc électrique.



Ne jamais insérer d'objet étranger dans l'appareil. Ne jamais exposer l'appareil aux déversements de liquides.

L'insertion d'objets comme des pièces de monnaie ou des allumettes, ou le déversement de liquides dans les orifices de ventilation peuvent causer un incendie ou un choc électrique. Si un objet ou du liquide s'infiltre dans l'appareil, débrancher immédiatement le câble d'alimentation et communiquer avec le représentant Roland DG Corp. autorisé.



Ne jamais placer d'objet inflammable à proximité de l'appareil. Ne jamais utiliser de produit inflammable en aérosol à proximité de l'appareil. Ne jamais utiliser l'appareil dans un endroit où des gaz peuvent s'accumuler.

Une combustion ou une explosion pourraient se produire.

/!\ATTENTION



Manipuler le câble d'alimentation, la fiche et la prise électrique correctement et avec

Ne jamais utiliser un article endommagé, car cela pourrait causer un incendie ou un choc électrique.



Si une rallonge ou une bande d'alimentation électrique sont utilisées, s'assurer qu'elles correspondent aux caractéristiques de l'appareil (tension, fréquence et courant).

L'utilisation de plusieurs charges électriques sur une prise unique ou une longue rallonge peut causer un incendie.



Mise à la terre.

La mise à la terre peut prévenir un incendie ou un choc électrique dus à une fuite de courant en cas de défaillance.



Si l'appareil doit rester inutilisé pendant une longue période, débrancher le câble d'alimentation.

Cela peut prévenir les accidents en cas de fuite de courant ou de démarrage accidentel.



Placer l'appareil de façon à ce que la fiche soit facile d'accès en tout temps.

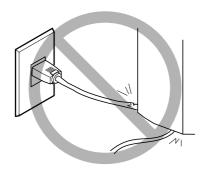
Ainsi, l'appareil pourra être débranché rapidement en cas d'urgence. Installer l'appareil près d'une prise électrique. En outre, prévoir suffisamment d'espace pour que la prise électrique soit facile d'accès.



S'il se produit des étincelles, de la fumée, une odeur de brûlé, un bruit inhabituel ou un fonctionnement anormal, débrancher immédiatement le câble d'alimentation. Ne jamais utiliser si un composant est endommagé.

Continuer à utiliser l'appareil peut causer un incendie, un choc électrique ou des blessures. Communiquer avec le représentant Roland DG Corp. Autorisé.

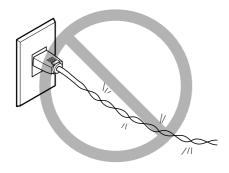
Remarques importantes à propos du câble d'alimentation, de la fiche et de la prise électrique



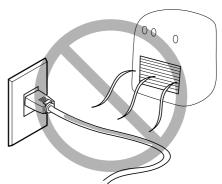
Ne jamais déposer aucun objet sur le câble, sur la fiche ou sur la prise car cela risque de les endommager.



Ne jamais laisser l'eau toucher le câble, la fiche ou la prise.



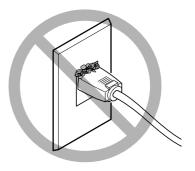
Ne jamais plier ni tordre le câble avec une force excessive.



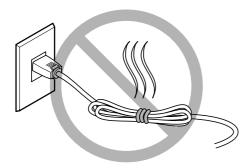
Ne jamais chauffer le câble, la fiche ou la prise.



Ne jamais tirer sur le câble ou la fiche avec une force excessive.



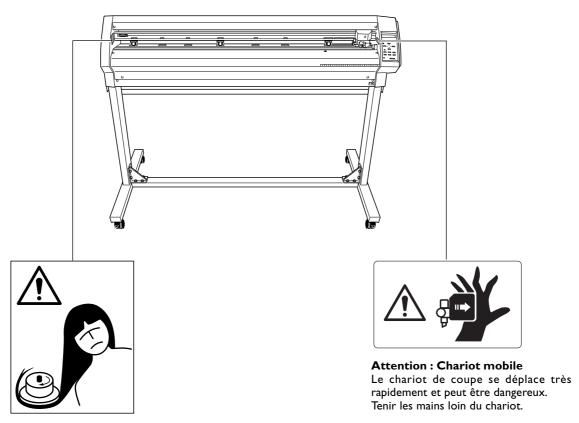
La poussière peut causer un incendie.



Ne jamais plier ni enrouler le câble.

N Vignettes d'avertissement

Des vignettes d'avertissement sont apposées pour qu'il soit facile de repérer les zones dangereuses. La signification des vignettes est donnée ci-dessous. Respecter les avertissements. Ne jamais retirer les vignettes et ne pas les laisser s'encrasser.



Attention: Danger d'emmêlement Toujours éloigner les mains, les cheveux, les vêtements ou des accessoires comme des cravates des pièces tournantes pendant que l'appareil fonctionne.

Important Notes on Handling and Use

This machine is a precision device. To ensure the full performance of this machine, be sure to observe the following important points. Failure to observe them may not only result in loss of performance, but may also cause malfunction or breakdown.

Main unit

This Machine Is a Precision Device

➤ Handle carefully, and never subject the machine to impact or excessive force.

Install in a Suitable Location

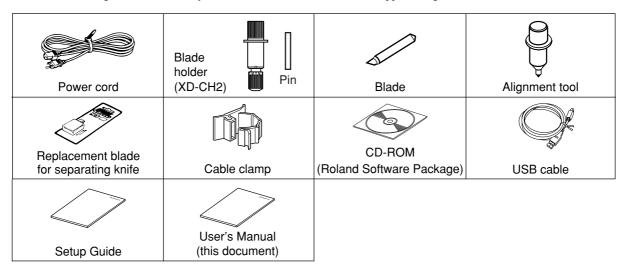
- ➤ Install in a location having the specified temperature and relative humidity.
- ➤ Install in a quiet, stable location offering good operating conditions.

Important Notes on Connecting the Cables

➤ Connect the power cord and the computer's input and output cables securely.

1 Checking Supplied Items

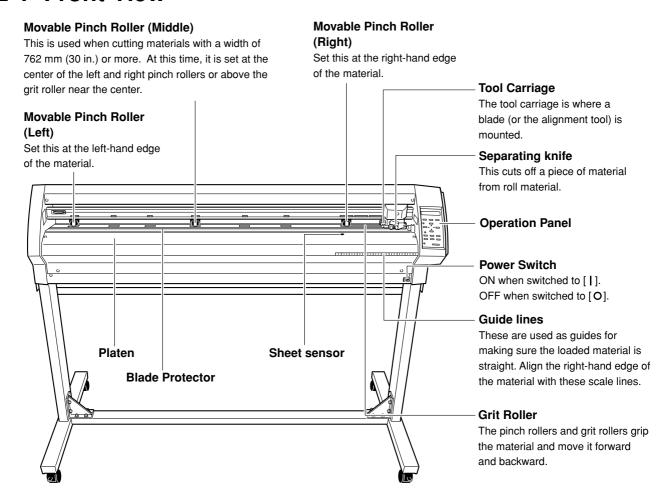
Check the following to make sure that you received all the items that were shipped along with the unit.



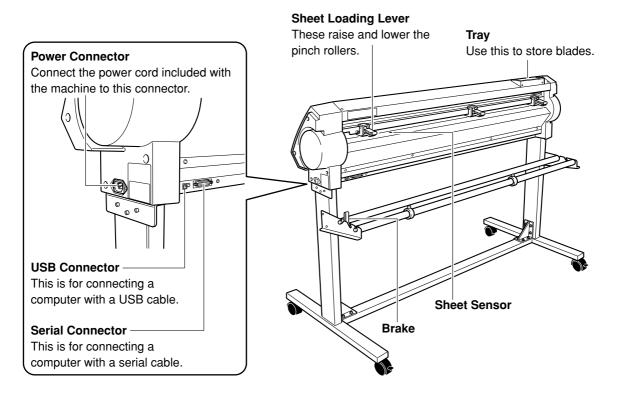
2 Part Names and Functions

2-1 Front View

* The figure shows the GX-500 installed with the PNS-502 special stand.

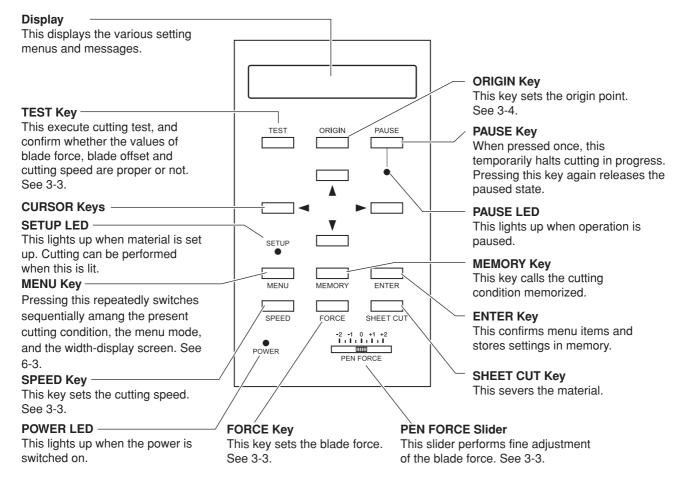


2-2 Rear View



2-3 Operation Panel

For more information about the keys, see the respective reference sections and "6-3 List of Functions."



3 Basic Operation

3-1 Loading the Material (Roll Material)

ACAUTION



Roll material must be placed at a predetermined shaft position.

Failure to do so may result in falling of the roll, leading to injury.



Acceptable Material Width and Maximum Cutting Width

	Acceptable material widths	Maximum cutting width
GX-500	Min.90 mm (3-1/2 in.) Max.1372 mm (54 in.)	1195 mm (47 in.)
GX-400	Min.90 mm (3-1/2 in.) Max.1178 mm (46 in.)	1000 mm (39 in.)
GX-300	Min.50 mm (2 in.) Max.915 mm (36 in.) (50 to 540 mm (2 in. to 21 in.) , 582 to 915 mm (23 in. to 36 in.)	737 mm (29 in.)

There is no special restriction on length (vertical dimension), as long as it is 200 mm (7-7/8 in.) or more.

You can also use flat material such as standard-size and piece material. For more information, see "4-4 Loading Flat Material (Standard-size Material, Piece Material, Etc.)."

The positions of the grit rollers (pinch rollers that secure the material) vary from one model to another. The settable ranges for the left and right movable pinch rollers are predetermined, and cannot be changed. See "Material Loading Position" on the following page.

Setting a pinch roller outside the allowed range causes an error message to appear.

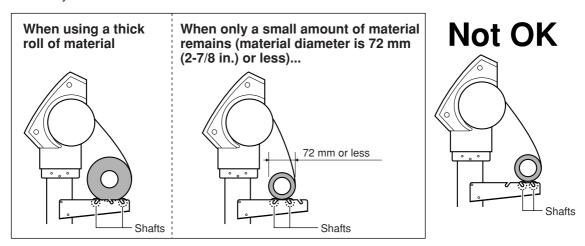
Loading Roll Material

* When performing lengthy cutting of 1.5 m (60 in.) or more, please refer to the section "4-3 To Perform Lengthy Cutting".

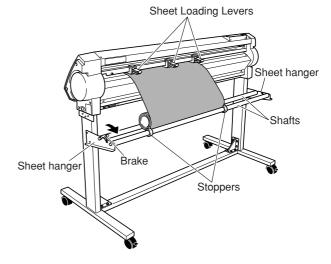
For information on how to install the sheet hangers, shafts, brake, and stoppers, please refer to the "ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS" for the PNS-502/402/302 (the stand for the GX-500/400/300).

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Mount the shafts on the sheet hangers to match the outer diameter of the roll material. If mounted at an incorrect position, the roll may fall off.

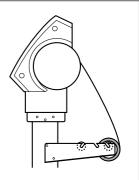


- Place the roll material on the shafts.
- 3 Lower the sheet loading levers to raise the pinch rollers. Release the brake and pass the end of the material between the pinch rollers and the grit rollers so that it extends from the front of the unit.





Performing high-speed cutting when only a little roll material remains may cause the roll to fall off the shafts. If this happens, it may help to pass the shaft through the roll.

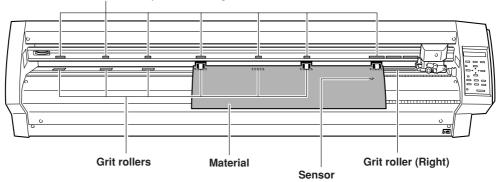




Using the grit marks as a reference, position the material so that its right edge lies over the right grit roller and its left edge simultaneously lies over any of the other grit rollers.

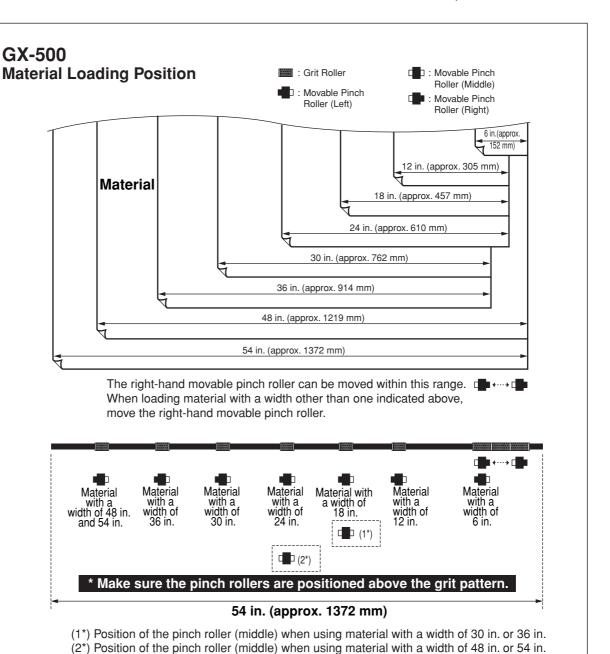
Grit marks

These indicate the position of the grit rollers.

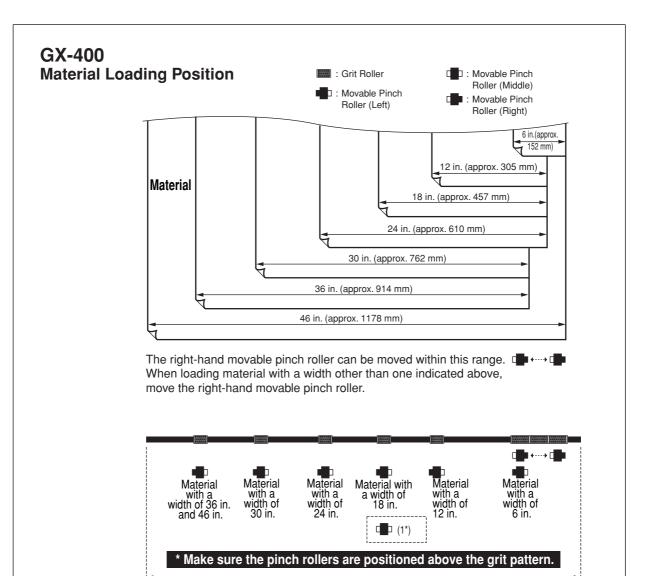


Load the material so that it lies over the sensor on the platen.





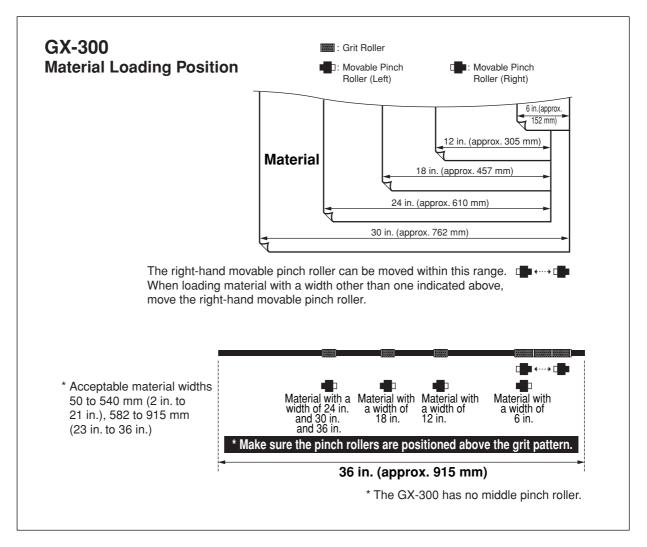




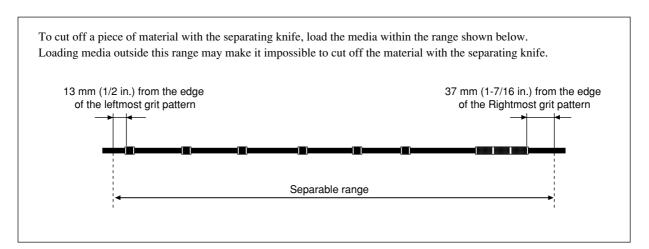
(1*) Position of the pinch roller (middle) when using material with a width of 30 in. or more.

46 in. (approx. 1178 mm)









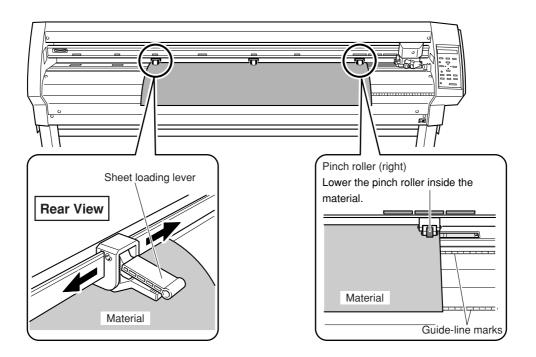
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Pull out material toward the front, position it in place so that it is lined up straight with the guide lines, then move the left and right pinch rollers to position them above the grit rollers.

Position the middle pinch roller at the center between the left and right pinch rollers. If a grit mark is present between the left and right pinch rollers, position the middle pinch roller above the corresponding grit roller.

If the pinch rollers do not move smoothly, try moving them by grasping near the base of the sheet loading lever at the back of the unit. Load the material so that it is straight. If the material is crooked, straight material feed cannot be performed.

* The GX-300 does not have a middle pinch roller.

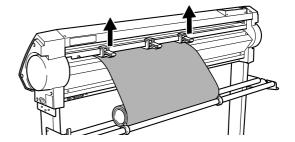


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Raise the sheet loading levers.

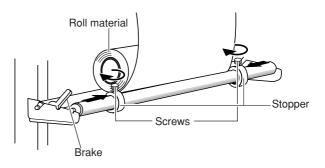
The pinch rollers are lowered and the material is secured in place.

When using a material which is narrower than 762 mm (30 in.), do not lower the middle pinch roller.



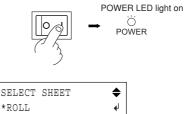
7

Position the stoppers so that they lightly touch the edges of the roll and secure in place by tightening the screws so that the roll material does not move from side to side during material feed.



8 Swit

Switch on the power.



At [SELECT SHEET], use the [▲] and [▼] keys to select [ROLL], then press the [ENTER] key.

For more information about selecting material, see "4-2 Details of the Origin-point Location and Cutting Area."

The SETUP LED lights up (setup state), and the horizontal width of the material is detected and shown on the display. Setup is now complete.





• When securing material, be sure to use the left and right pinch rollers, and position them properly above the grit rollers. If the pinch rollers are improperly positioned, the width of material may not be detected accurately, or the error shown at right may occur. If this happens, either unload the material (see "3-6 When Cutting Is Completed"), or press the [ENTER] key to clear the error, then reposition the pinch rollers correctly to load the material precisely.

BAD POSITION

When using roll material, before you perform cutting you need to pull out the required length of material from the roll. For more information, refer to "Material Test Feed" in "3-5 Starting Cutting".

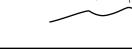
3-2 Installing a Blade

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Do not touch the tip of the blade with your fingers.

Doing so may result in injury, and the cutting performance of the blade will be impaired.

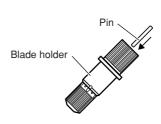


NOTICE

Be sure to support the tool mounting screw from below when installing the blade holder. If installed without supporting the screw in this way, the blade tip may strike the blade protector, damaging the blade or blade protector and impairing cutting quality.



Insert the pin into the blade holder.



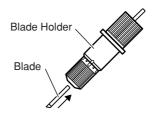
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Tighten the cap all the way.



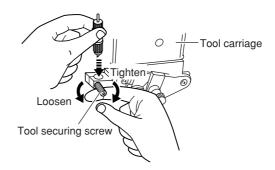
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Insert the blade.





- (1) Loosen the tool securing screw on the tool carriage.
- (2) Support the tool securing screw from below and install the blade holder. Insert the blade holder until the collar is flush with the carriage.
- (3) Tighten the tool securing screw until the blade holder is secured in place.





When you're using general sign material, use with the cap tightened all the way to the top (maximum amount of blade extension: 2.5 mm). When cutting material whose carrier paper is thin with respect to the adhesive layer (that is, the material thickness), or when performing half-cutting for material with no carrier paper, adjust the blade tip so that the tip does not pierce the carrier paper. For more information, see "4-1 Detailed Cutting-condition Settings."

3-3 Adjusting the Blade Force and Cutting Speed

Before you perform the actual cutting, carry out a cutting test to check the cutting quality for the material. Examine the result of the cutting test, adjust the value of the blade force and cutting speed.

Repeat the procedure described below until the appropriate cutting conditions for the material in use are discovered.

Cutting Test

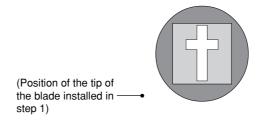


Use the $[\ \ \ \ \ \]$, $[\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \]$ and $[\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \]$ keys to move the tool carriage to the place where the cutting test is to be performed.

 Note that an area of approximately 2 square centimeters (a little less than a square inch) is required to make a test cutout (given that the tip of the blade after it has moved is at the origin at lower-left).



Hold down the [TEST] key for 0.5 seconds or longer. Cutting test starts.

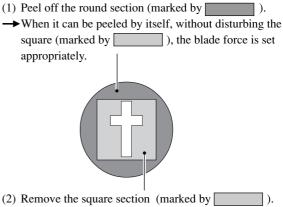




A cutting test is not possible immediately after you have chosen [R-EDGE] at [SELECT SHEET]. Use the [\(\bigcap \)] key to feed the material several centimeters (1 or 2 inches) toward the rear, then execute the cutting test.

You use [R-EDGE] when you are performing front loading. For more information, refer to "4-6 Front Loading."

Check the state of cutting.



- → The optimum blade pressure is correct if you can clearly make out the lines left by the blade.



For Materials with a Strong Adhesive Layer

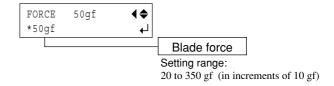
If you are using a material with a strong adhesive layer, the adhesive layer may adhere to itself immediately when cut. This means that even though the material has actually been cut, it may appear as if it has not been cut, and blade force may mistakenly be set too high.

If a cutting test shows that the material peels easily and the blade traces on the carrier paper are optimal, then the material is being cut. Take care not to set the blade force excessively high.

Adjusting the Blade Force

Examine the result of the cutting test and adjust the blade force accordingly.

- Set the [PEN FORCE] slider at the center (default) position.
- Press the [FORCE] key to display the screen in the



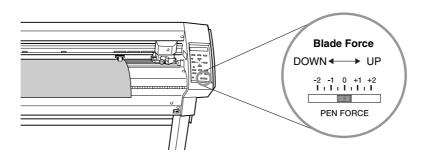
Use the [\blacktriangle] and [\blacktriangledown] keys to adjust the numerical value, and press the [ENTER] key to enable the setting.

After using the operation panel to set the blade force, if you want to raise or lower the blade force slightly, you can use the [PEN FORCE] slider to make fine adjustment.

Move the slider to the right or left to gradually raise or lower the blade force and set it at an appropriate value.

The range of the fine adjustment using the [PEN FORCE] slider is within 30 gf up or down from the value set with the operation

When using the operation panel to set the blade force, move the [PEN FORCE] slider to its center (default) position.

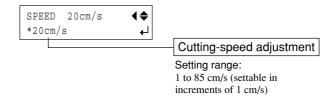


Adjusting the Cutting Speed

Examine the results of the cutting test and adjust the cutting speed accordingly.

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Press the [SPEED] key to display the screen in the figure.



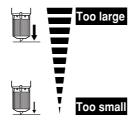
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Use the $[\ \ \]$ and $[\ \ \ \ \]$ keys to adjust the value, then press the $[\ \ \ \]$ key to enable the setting.

Incorrect cutting conditions may cause symptoms such as those described below.

Blade force

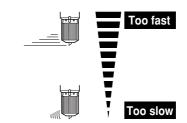
- The material peels during the cutting.
- The blade requires frequency replacement.
- Cutting extends through the base paper, and normal advancing of the material becomes impossible.
- The blade protector is damaged.



· Some parts of the material remain uncut.

Cutting-speed

- · Uncut areas remain in places.
- The cut depth differs according to the location (nonuniform cutting depth).
- · The material peels.
- The cut shape is distorted.



· Cutting takes a long time.

3-4 Setting the Origin Point

With this machine, you can set the location where cutting starts (the origin point) at any position.

If the default origin point just after setup is acceptable, there is no need for you to explicitly set the origin point.

Setting the origin point at the point you want on the material lets you start cutting at any location you like, which can help reduce wasted material.

1

Press the $[\ \ \]$, $[\ \]$ and $[\ \]$ keys to move the blade to the location where you want to set the origin point.

W:600mm L:----

2

Hold down the [ORIGIN] key for 0.5 seconds or longer.

3-5 Starting Cutting

Material Test Feed

Perform test feed beforehand to ensure that the roll material is not pulled with undue force during cutting.

If the roll material is pulled with undue force during cutting, a motor error may occur, or the position may be displaced. Test feed can also be performed to make sure that the loaded material is straight.

Using the [AREA] feature makes it simple to perform test feed for the required portion.

Make sure that the type of the material has been selected using the operation panel and that material loading has been completed.

Make sure the brake is released.

Press the [MENU] key several times until the screen shown in the figure appears.



Press the [▼] key.



Press the [▶] key.
Press the [▲] key several times.



Press the [▶] key.

Use the [▲] and [▼] keys to make the setting for the required material length. Set the length that is about 0.2 m longer than the required material length.

(A positive value signifies material feed toward the front, and a negative value signifies material feed toward the back. If you are performing front loading, set the length to a negative value. For more information, see "4-6 Front Loading.")



Press the [ENTER] key to perform test feed.

Press the [MENU] key to go back to the screen shown in the figure.



Downloading Cutting Data

Cutting starts when the machine receives cutting data sent from the computer.

NOTICE

If the material becomes dislodged or there is a problem in operation, then immediately press the [PAUSE] key or turn off the power switch on the right side of the machine.

The CAMM-1 driver is necessary to perform cutting with this machine using data created by another program. The CAMM-1 driver is found on the included CD-ROM. For information on how to install it, take a look at the included Setup Guide.

To Sever the Material

With this machine, it is possible to cut off the material after performing cutting. Holding down the [SHEET CUT] key for 0.5 seconds or longer severs the material.

Pausing Cutting Operations

If you want to pause cutting, follow the procedure described below.

Press the [PAUSE] key.

Cutting is paused and the screen shown in the figure appears on the display.

CONTINUE ▶PAUSE STOP ▶ENTER

[To Resume Cutting]

Press the [PAUSE] key. Cutting is resumed.

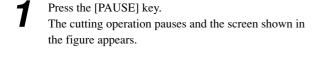
[To Terminate Cutting]

First of all, stop the flow of data being sent by the computer. Then hold down the [ENTER] key for 0.5 seconds or longer. Cutting stops and the screen shown in the figure appears on the display.

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● To Change the Cutting Speed or Blade Force During Cutting

If you change the cutting speed or blade force during cutting, carry out the operation described below.





If you want to change the cutting speed, press the [SPEED] key. If you want to change the blade force, press the [FORCE] key.



3 Use the $[\blacktriangle]$ and $[\blacktriangledown]$ key to change the value.



Press the [ENTER] key to enable the settings.

The display flashes several times, then returns to the screen shown in the figure.



To resume cutting, press the [PAUSE] key.
To quit cutting, first stop sending the cutting data from the computer, then hold down the [ENTER] key for 0.5 second or longer.

You can also perform fine adjustment in blade force while cutting is in progress by using the [PEN FORCE] slider. For information on how to do this, see "3-3 Adjusting the Blade Force and Cutting Speed."

3-6 When Cutting is Completed

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When not in use for extended periods, unplug the power cord from the electrical outlet.

Failure to do so may result in danger of shock, electrocution, or fire due to deterioration of the electrical insulation.



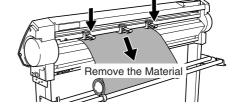
NOTICE

- Never leave the tool securing screw tightened. Tightening the screw makes it more difficult to install the blade holder.
- Never leave the machine with the pinch rollers lowered. The rollers may deform, making normal material feed impossible.
- Press the [MENU] key several times until the screen shown in the figure appears, then press the [ENTER] key.

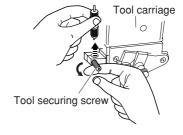
The tool carriage moves to right edge and the loaded material is released. This is the "unsetup" state.



2 Lower the sheet loading levers and remove the material.

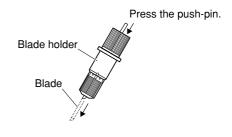


- **3** (1) Loosen the tool securing screw on the tool carriage.
 - (2) Remove the blade holder from the tool carriage.

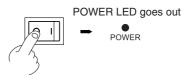


Press the push-pin and remove the blade from the blade holder.

As debris of material or paste might cling to the tip of a used blade, wipe it with a soft cloth to remove them.



5 Turn off the power.



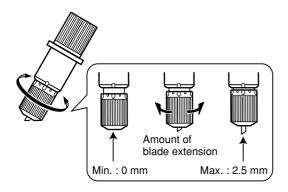
4 Advanced Operation

4-1 Detailed Cutting-condition Settings

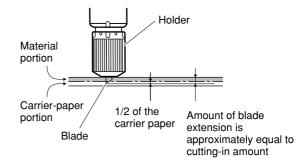
Adjusting the Blade Extension

When you want to perform accurate and fine adjustment of the cutting-in amount, such as when cutting material with thin carrier paper or when performing half-cutting of material having no carrier paper, you can obtain good results by adjusting the tip of the blade.

Each indicator tick corresponds to 0.1 mm, and adjustment for 0.5 mm can be made by rotating the cap one full turn.



- Turn the cap portion to adjust the amount of blade extension, which is approximately equal to the cutting-in amount.
- Setting the blade force slightly higher than normal achieves a stable cutting-in amount.



[Rough Estimate for the Amount of Blade Extension]

Use the following dimension as a rough estimate for setting the amount of blade extension.

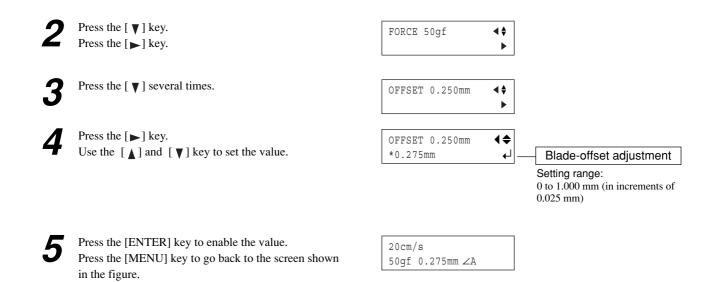
Adjusting the Blade Offset

The blade offset is determined according to the blade. The included blade is designed to cut correctly at a setting of 0.25 mm, but adjustment may be required when using another type of blade. For information about the optimal offset for each blade, see "5 About the Blades and Materials." Good results can also be obtained by performing fine adjustment of blade offset according to the material.

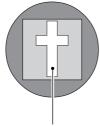
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Press the [MENU] key several times until the screen shown in the figure appears.



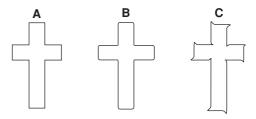


Evaluating the Offset Through a Cutting Test



The remaining cross-shaped area is used to check whether the offset value is set correctly.

- When the offset value has been correctly set, the corners of the figure should appear cleanly cut as shown in A of the figure right.
- If the offset value is too small, the corners will appear slightly rounded as illustrated by B; an offset value which is too large will result in a cut figure similar to C.

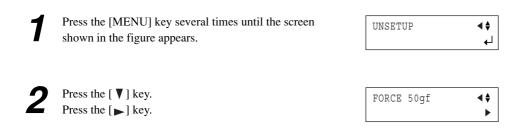


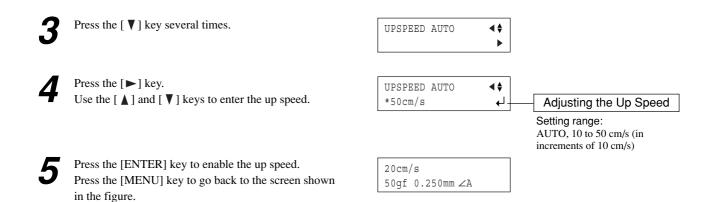


When you are adjusting the blade offset, we recommend first adjusting the blade force and the amount of blade extension.

Changing the Speed When Raised (Up Speed)

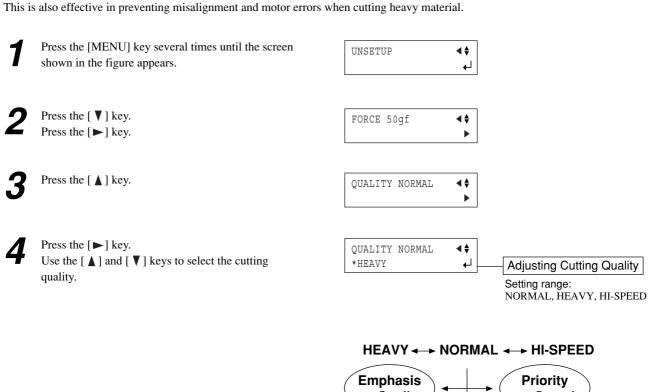
With this machine, you can set the speed for movement to the next cutting location with the tool raised while cutting is in progress. In cases such as when the material rises up over the platen and the surface of the material is damaged by the blade when the material moves forward and backward while the tool is raised, you can avoid problems by lowering the speed.

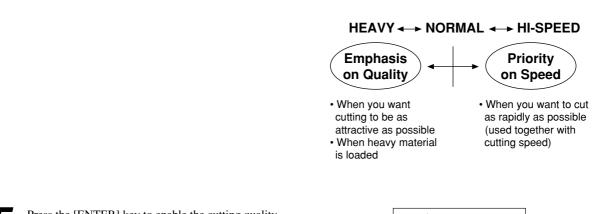




Settings for Cutting Quality

You can select whether speed is given priority in cutting, or whether cutting quality is emphasized.





		Emphasis on Quality	Priority on Speed
		 When you want cutting to be as attractive as possible When heavy material is loaded 	When you want to cut as rapidly as possible (used together with cutting speed)
5	Press the [ENTER] key to enable the cutting quality. Press the [MENU] key to go back to the screen shown in the figure.	20cm/s 50gf 0.25	50mm ∠A

4-2 Details of the Origin-point Location and Cutting Area

● The Location of the Origin Point Immediately After Loading Material

With this machine, the initial origin point is determined when you load material and press the [ENTER] key. This origin point differs according to the selection made for [SELECT SHEET] on the operation panel when loading material.

[ROLL]	Set near the left-hand pinch roller
[F-EDGE]	Set at the front left edge of the material
[R-EDGE]	Set at the inner left edge of the material (When using the "Front loading")
[PIECE]	Material size is detected and the origin is set at the lower-left area of the material

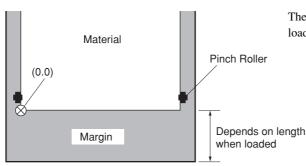
For more information, see the following page.

^{*} When [ROTATE] is set to [90deg], the initial origin point is set at the lower right with the X and Y axes rotated 90 degrees.



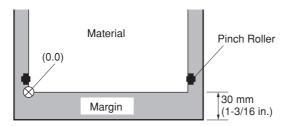
The Location of the Origin Point Immediately After Loading Material (When [ROTATE] is set to [0deg])

"ROLL" (When using roll material)



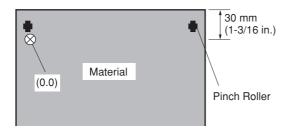
The origin point is set at the location where the material is loaded, near the left pinch roller.

"F-EDGE" (When performing cutting from as close as possible to the front edge of the material)



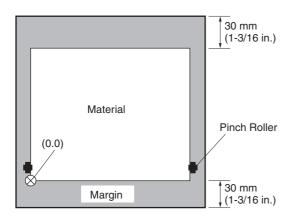
Set the origin point at a location having a margin of 30 mm (1-3/16 in.) from the front edge of the material.

"R-EDGE" (When using the front-loading feature)



Set the origin point at a location having a margin of 30 mm (1-3/16 in.) from the trailing edge of the material. When in this state, the cutting area is zero.

"PIECE" (When using flat material)



After length in the direction of material feed is detected, movement 30 mm (1-3/16 in.) back from the front edge of the material is performed, and the origin point is set near the left pinch roller.

* When the length of the material is 1,600 mm (63 in.) or longer, the material is determined to be roll material. The origin point is set in the same way as for "ROLL" above.

^{*} For detailed information about the cutting area, see the following page.

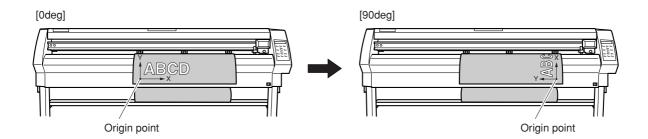
Coordinate Rotation Settings

This rotates the cutting coordinates by 90 degrees. The default setting is at [0deg], and the origin point is set at the lower left of the material. Setting this to [90deg] set the origin point at the lower right of the material and rotates the text (or graphics) by 90 degrees.

* Note that the coordinate axes change when rotated. Make the settings to match the program you're using.

When this is set to [90deg] on the operation panel, then the CAMM-1 driver's [Rotate] setting must be set to [Rotate off].

When rotated 90 degrees, the X axis, Y axis, and origin point change as follows.



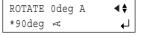
- Press the [MENU] key several times until the screen shown in the figure appears.
- Press the [▼] key.
 Press the [▶] key.
- Press the [▼] key several times.
- Press the [▶] key.
 Use the [♠] and [♥] keys to select [90deg].
- Press the [ENTER] key to enable the setting.

 Press the [MENU] key to back to the screen shown in the figure.





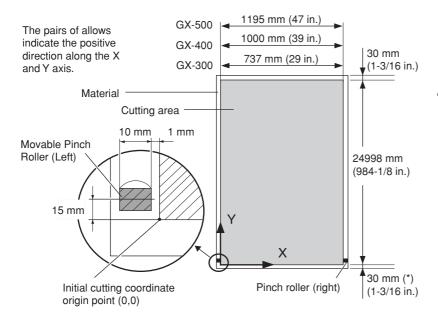




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About the Cutting Area

The cutting area along the horizontal plane (the direction in which the tool carriage moves) is determined by the position of the pinch rollers. The workable area spans the length between the two rollers, minus a margin of about 1 mm (about 0.04 in.) on both sides. If the material length is greater than 1,600 mm (63 in.) when a flat material has been loaded, this machine determines it to be a roll material and sets the material length to 24,998 mm (984-1/8 in.). Also, when loading flat material (that is, when [PIECE] has been selected), a piece of material that is about 100 mm (3-15/16 in.) longer than the vertical size of the cutting data is required.



* When you select [F-EDGE] or [PIECE], this is 30 mm (1-3/16 in.) When you select [ROLL], everything toward the front from the origin point is the margin. (See "The Location of the Origin Point Immediately After Loading Material" elsewhere in this section.) When you have separated the material using the [SHEET CUT] key, this is the value set for [MARGIN] at the [AUTOCUT]. Refer to "6-3 List of Functions."

4-3 To Perform Lengthy Cutting

NOTICE

When performing material feed or cutting, be sure to release the brake.

Attempting to perform material feed or cutting with the brake engaged may make normal feed impossible and cause the material to slip and cause a motor error.

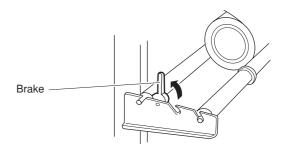
The longer is the cut material, the greater are the chances that the material will become crooked or come loose. This means that it is important to load the material straight, make sure the margins are wide enough, and perform test feed to check the material feed. The high-accuracy sheet hangers and brake on this machine can minimize crookedness of material.

Have on hand a piece of material that's at least 50 mm (2 in.) wider than the cutting width.

The chance of the material slipping loose from the pinch rollers can be reduced by braking the shaft and loading the pulled-out material while it's in a tensioned state, which lets you load the material straight. Follow the steps below to load the material.

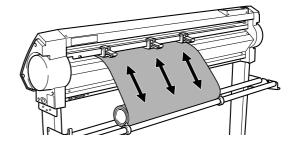


Place the roll material on the shaft and engage the brake for the shaft.

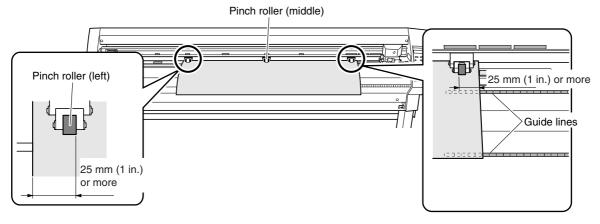


Pull out the material from the roll and pass it through the unit.

Stretch taut, with no slackness.

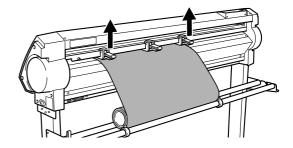


Position the left and right pinch rollers as shown in the figure, and position the middle pinch roller at the center between the left and right pinch rollers. If a grit mark is present between the left and right pinch rollers, position the middle pinch roller above the corresponding grit roller.

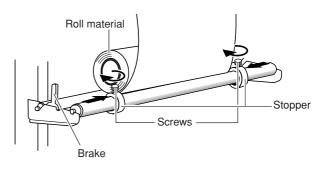


While keeping the material stretched taut, raise the sheet loading levers to secure the material in place.

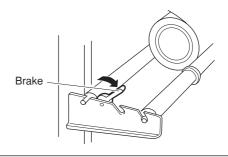
When using a material which is narrower than 762 mm (30 in.), do not lower the middle pinch roller.



Position the stoppers so that they lightly touch the edges of the roll, and secure in place by tightening the screws.

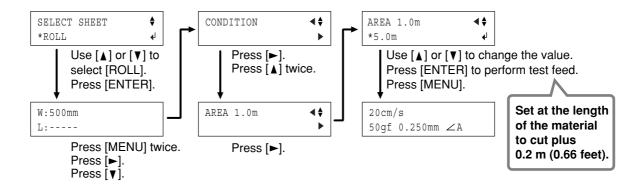


6 Release the brake.



T Use the operation panel as follows to perform test feed for the material. The material is fed out by the set length. Make sure the material is not crooked.

If the material is crooked and looks like it might come loose from the pinch rollers, press the [PAUSE] key, then hold down the [ENTER] key for 0.5 seconds or longer to stop material feed. Reload the material.



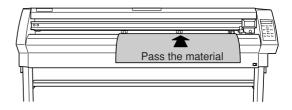
4-4 Loading Flat Material (Standard-size Material, Cut Material, Etc.)

In addition to roll material, you can also load flat material such as piece material on this machine.



If the material strikes the shaft during cutting, remove the shaft.

Lower the sheet loading levers and pass the material between the pinch rollers and the grit rollers.

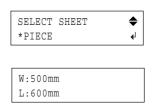


- Pollow steps 4, 5, and 6 of "3-1 Loading the Material (Roll Material)" to load a piece of material.
- Use the [▲] and [▼] keys to select [PIECE].

 Press the [ENTER] key.
- The tool carriage will move from side to side and the material will move forward and backward to detect the size of the material.

When sensing ends, the display shows the loaded material size.

* For more information about the cutting area, see "4-2 Details of the Origin-point Location and Cutting Area."





• If a pinch roller is positioned over an area where there is no grit roller, the message shown in the figure appears when you press the [ENTER] key.
If this occurs, lower the sheet loading levers and move the pinch rollers to the proper positions above the grit rollers.

BAD POSITION

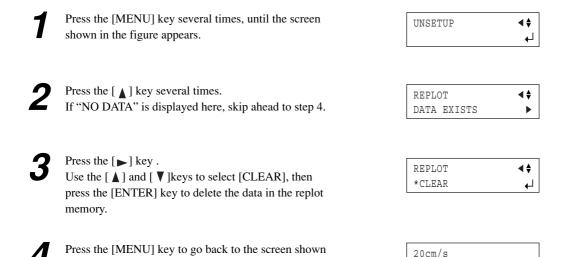
Reposition the material to match this new alignment, then lift the sheet loading levers to hold the material in place.

When detecting the material size in step 4, if the material is misaligned and looks like it might come loose from the pinch rollers, or actually does come loose, please reload the material.

4-5 Repeating the Same Cutting

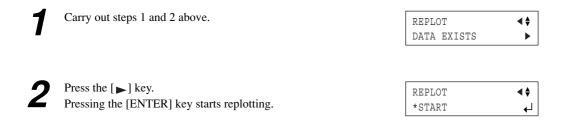
The Replot feature lets you repeat cutting multiple times using the same cutting data, without having to send data from the computer each time.

The Replot feature performs cutting using all the data stored in the machine's replot memory. This means that when you perform replotting, then before you send the data to be replotted from the computer, you need to follow the steps below to delete the data in the replot memory.



Send the data you want to replot from the computer, then follow the steps below to use the operation panel to perform replotting.

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in the figure.

4-6 Front Loading

You can use the front-loading feature of this machine, which lets you load roll material at the front of the machine, by installing the sheet hangers on the front.

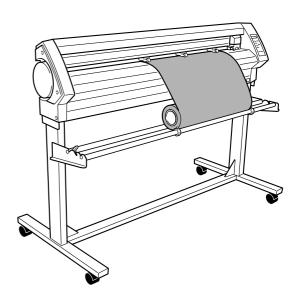
Installing the Sheet Hangers

Install the sheet hangers on the front of the machine. For an explanation of how assemble the unit and the stand (PNS-502/402/302), refer to the "ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS" included with the stand.



Loading Material

- Refer to "3-1 Loading the Material (Roll Material)" and load the material.
- At [SELECT SHEET], select either [ROLL] or [R-EDGE]. Do not select [F-EDGE].
- Follow the steps in "About the Origin Point and the Cuttable Area" in the next section to set a new origin point. In particular, not that if you have selected [R-EDGE], cutting cannot be performed unless you set a new origin point.





You cannot perform a cutting test immediately after you have selected [R-EDGE]. Use the [\blacktriangle] key to feed the material several centimeters (1 or 2 inches) toward the rear, then execute the cutting test. There is no particular need to set the origin point.

About the Origin Point and the Cuttable Area

For front loading, the [SELECT SHEET] setting made when you load the material must be set to either [ROLL] or [R-EDGE]. The origin-point location and the area where cutting is possible are as shown below. (The figure shows the case where [ROTATE] is set to [0 deg].)

[ROLL] [R-EDGE] Set near the left-hand pinch roller Set at the inner left edge of the material 30 mm (1-3/16 in.) Depends on length No cutting area Cutting area when loaded (0.0)30 mm ↓ (1-3/16 in.) Material (0.0)Material Pinch Roller Pinch Roller Front View

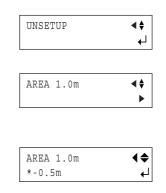
The material is always fed toward the front of the machine as cutting proceeds. This is why the area where cutting is possible is to the rear of the origin point. This means that even when the setting is [R-EDGE] or [ROLL], it is necessary to feed the material toward the rear and then set a new origin point to make the required cutting area available.

With front loading, you can use either of two methods to make the required cutting area available. One is to use the [AREA] feature on the operation panel, and the other is to use the CAMM-1 driver.

Setting the Cutting Area Using the Operation Panel

- Make sure the brake is released.
- Press the [MENU] key several times until the screen shown in the figure appears.
- Press the [▼] key.
 Press the [▶] key.
 Press the [♠] key several times.
- Press the [▶] key to change to the setting screen, then use the [▲] and [▼] keys to set the required material length for cutting. Set the length to a negative value. (A negative value signifies material feed toward the back.) Set a value that is about 0.2 meters longer than the value for the required material length in the cutting data.
- Press the [ENTER] key. This feeds the set length of material toward the rear of the machine.

 After material feed, the new origin point is automatically set at the lower left of the cutting area made available.





Press the [MENU] key to back to the screen shown in the figure.

If the material is crooked and looks like it might come loose from the pinch rollers, or actually does come loose, reload the material.





In addition to the preceding method, you can also set the origin point by using the $[\ \ \ \]$ and $[\ \ \ \ \ \ \]$ keys to feed out the required length of material to the rear of the machine, then pressing the [ORIGIN] key. For more information, see "3-4 Setting the Origin Point."

Setting the Cutting Area Using the CAMM-1 Driver

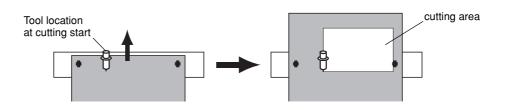
When you use the CAMM-1 driver to select [Front Loading], the required cutting area is set by the computer.

- * This operation cannot be performed when a serial connection is used. Use the operation panel to make the settings.
- Load material, then choose either [ROLL] or [R-EDGE].
- At the CAMM-1 driver's Properties window, click the [Options] tab, then select [Front Loading]. Also, go to the [Size] tab and make the setting for [Cutting Area]. The cutting area of the size you set here is made available.
- When you send cutting data from the computer, the material is fed toward the back without any cutting performed. A new origin point is set and the cutting area of the size you had set in step 2 is made available automatically. Cutting then starts.
- When cutting has finished, the tool returns to the origin point. If you are going to send another set of cutting data, leave the location of the tool unchanged.



The tool position when cutting starts is used as the point of origin for automatically making the cutting area available using [Front Loading]. It makes no difference where the origin point has been set.

Present position of the tool is used as the point for origin in not only feed direction but also right and left direction.



4-7 The Overcut Feature

This cuts an excess margin of 1 mm (0.04 in.) from the first and last line segments. This is effective when you want to finish with angles that are especially sharp, such as when cutting thick material.

This should normally be left set at [DISABLE]. When you want to cut especially attractive corners, set it to [ENABLE]. Note that when you are cutting small text and intricate shapes, cutting-in may occur on the portion of the material you are using, and so this should be set at [DISABLE].

Cutting results differ as shown in the following figures depending on whether the Overcut function is disable or enable.



To set overcutting to [ENABLE], follow the steps below.

- Press the [MENU] key several times until the screen shown in the figure appears.

 □ Press the [▼] key several times.

 □ OTHERS

 □ OTHERS

 □ OVER CUT DISABLE □ OVER
- Press the [ENTER] key to enable the setting.

 Press the [MENU] key to go back to the screen shown in the figure.

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4-8 The Memory Feature

With this machine, you can set and store eight types of cutting conditions for different tools and materials. You can call up the settings simply by using the [MEMORY] key.

■ To Store in Memory

Use the display menu to make the settings for cutting conditions matched to the tool and material in use. You can set the following five types of parameters.

Blade force : [FORCE] key

Offset : Menu mode [OFFSET]

Cutting speed : [SPEED] key

Cutting quality : Menu mode [QUALITY]
Up speed : Menu mode [UPSPEED]

Press the [MENU] key several times until the screen shown in the figure appears.



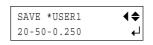
Press the [\(\) key.



Press the [▶] key.
Press the [▼] key.



Press the [▶] key.
Use the [▲] and [▼] keys to select the user number for the conditions you want to store in memory.



Press the [ENTER] key to enable the setting.

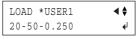
Press the [MENU] key to go back to the screen shown in the figure.



Storing is now completed. When you store to a user number, any cutting conditions already stored to the number are automatically updated (overwritten) with the newly set parameters. If you want to keep the previous cutting conditions, store them to a different number. You can store up to eight types of cutting conditions using the steps described above.

Calling Up

- Press the [MEMORY] key.
- Use the [▲] and [▼] keys to select the user number you want to call up. The parameters set to the selected user number appear on the display.



Speed - Force - Offset

Press the [ENTER] key.
The user number you selected is called up and the display changes as shown in the figure.

The screen shown in the figure appears.



*ROLL

Deleting Settings

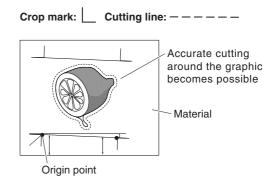
You can delete the stored settings for cutting conditions, returning them to their factory defaults. Please note that all user numbers from 1 to 8 are deleted. (This resets to their default values not only the memory settings, but also all menu settings.)

Press the [MENU] key several times until the screen UNSETUP **∢**♦ shown in the figure appears. Press the [▼] key several times. OTHERS Press the [►] key. FACTORYDEFAULT ∢∳ Press the [▼] key several times. Press the [▶] key. FACTORYDEFAULT *PRESET Press the [ENTER] key to enable the setting. SELECT SHEET **\$**

4-9 The Crop Mark Feature

Use this feature when you create stickers or the like with data created by a program in which printing data and cutting data are interlocked, cut around figures that are already printed on the material.

Crop marks are the marks used for alignment when cutting the printed material on the cutting machine. Saving on the machine the locations of the crop marks oriented together with the image makes it possible to adjust the location to cut.



When you use this feature, the operation method differs according to the program you're using.

Using the Included Program

Using the included Roland CutStudio program enables you to print, together with the image, crop marks that the machine's sensors can automatically detect, then perform alignment automatically and carry out cutting. For information on how to perform this operation, see the electronic-format manual ("Printing and Cutting Guide" (for Windows) or "Macintosh Cutting Guide" (for Macintosh).)

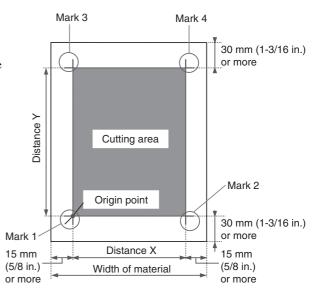
Using a Program Other Than the Included Program

Carry out the operation as described below.

1. Create the data.

When you use the program to add crop marks to the figure, take the margins required for cutting into account when you decide on the locations of the crop marks. Refer to the figure below to place them at appropriate locations.

- You can choose to use either three or four crop marks. It may be best to select four when you want to perform more-precise alignment or three when you want to shorten the operating time required. When you're performing alignment using three crop marks, draw the crop marks at the locations in the figure labeled "Mark 1," "Mark 2," and "Mark 3."
- When you're using material with a large amount of feed (lengthy material), we recommend ensuring left and right margins of about 25 mm (1 in.) each.
- Be sure to make a note of the distances between the crop marks (distance X and distance Y in the figure at right). These need to be entered into the machine later.
- There are no rules specifying the shape of the crop marks, but using square-angle shapes like those shown in the figure can facilitate alignment.
- * This explanation in this section assumes you're using a shapes like those shown in the figure at right.



2. Get ready to perform cutting.

When you have completed the figure data containing crop marks, print the material.

Load the material (printed with a figure), and install the included alignment tool (see "3-1 Loading the Material," "3-2 Installing a Blade," and "4-4 Loading Flat Material (Standard-size Material, Piece Material, Etc.)"). The way of installing the alignment tool is the same as for the blade holder.

3. Select the operation mode and enter the setting values.

Set the [CROPMARK] menu item to [MANUAL], then manually enter the values such as the distances between the crop marks you drew when you created the figure.

Press the [MENU] key several times until the screen UNSETUP **⋖**♦ shown in the figure appears. Press the [▼] key several times until the screen shown CROPMARK **⋖**♦ in the figure appears. <SENSOR MODE> Press the [►] key. CROPMARK **⋖** ♦ Use the [▲] and [▼] keys to select [MANUAL]. *MANUAL Press the [►] key. MANUAL Use the [▲] and [▼] keys to select [BASIC SET-*BASIC SETTINGS TINGS]. Press the [▶] key several times until the screen shown DISTANCE X 180mm in the figure appears. *180mm Use the [▲] and [▼] keys to enter the horizontal DISTANCE X 180mm distance between the crop marks. *400mm Press the [ENTER] key to enable the setting. Press the [▼] key. DISTANCE Y 220mm Press the [►] key. *600mm Use the [\blacktriangle] and [\blacktriangledown] keys to enter the vertical (lengthwise) distance between the crop marks. Press the [ENTER] key to enable the setting. Press the [▼] key. OFFSET X 0.0mm **4** ♦ Press the [►] key. *0.0mm Use the [▲] and [▼] keys to enter the horizontal

Press the [V] key.

Press the [▶] key.

Use the [▲] and [V] keys to enter the horizontal distance between the origin point for the cutting location and the origin point for printing. This is normally set at 0 mm.

Press the [ENTER] key to enable the setting.

Press the [▼] key.

Press the [►] key.

Use the [▲] and [▼] keys to enter the vertical (lengthwise) distance between the origin point for the cutting location and the origin point for printing. This is normally set at 0 mm.

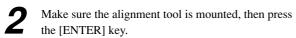
Press the [ENTER] key to enable the setting.

4. Perform cutting.

First use the alignment tool to line up the tip of the alignment tool with the leading edge of the crop marks, then send the cutting data.

Press the [◄] key.
Use the [▲] and [▼] keys to select either [4-POINT START] or [3-POINT START], then press the [ENTER] key. For four crop marks, select [4-POINT START]. For three crop marks, select [3-POINT START].

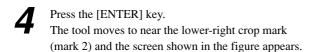
The screen shown in the figure appears.



The tool moves to stop near the lower-left crop mark (mark 1), and the screen shown in the figure appears.

Using the cursor keys, align the tip of the alignment tool with the crop mark.

With your finger, press down lightly on the alignment tool to make sure its tip lies over the crop mark.



In the same way as for mark 1, align the tip of the alignment tool with the crop mark, then press the [ENTER] key.

The tool moves to near the upper-left crop mark (mark 3) and the screen shown in the figure appears.

Follow the same procedure to perform alignment for mark 3 (and if the [4-POINT START] setting is selected, for mark 4 as well).

When you've finished performing alignment for mark 3 (or mark 4), press the [ENTER] key to display the screen shown in the figure.

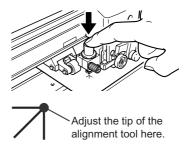
Remove the alignment tool and install the blade holder.

* If for some reason you want to go back to an earlier step in these settings, such as to redo alignment, pressing the [MENU] key displays the previous screen, where you can redo the settings.

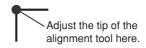




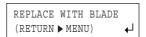














Press the [ENTER] key
The screen shown in the figure appears.
When you've finished making the settings, then to perform cutting, press the [ENTER] key.

* Pressing the [MENU] key cancels the settings and returns you to the screen shown in the figure.



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then send the data from the computer.
Cutting starts when the data is received.

Make sure that the screen shown in the figure flashes,

When cutting finishes, the screen shown in the figure appears.



- •The settings for crop marks cannot be made in cases like these:
- •When the angle between makes 1 and 2 is 5 degrees or more
- When the locations of marks 1 and 2 are displaced in the feed direction by 15 mm or more
- When the [ROTATE] menu item is set to [90 deg]

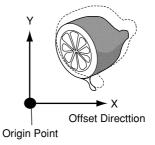
If the Printing and Cutting Positions Are Misaligned

If the printing and cutting positions are misaligned, as shown in the figure below, use the display menu to adjust [OFFSET X] and [OFFSET Y] as described below.

- The cutting line is displaced to the left or right

 If it is displaced to the right, make the value of [OFFSET X] larger. If it is
 displaced to the left, make the value smaller. In the case shown in the figure, the
 [OFFSET X] value needs to be made larger.
- The cutting line is displaced up or down

 If it is displaced upward, make the value of [OFFSET Y] larger. If it is displaced downward, make the value smaller. In the case shown in the figure, the [OFFSET Y] value needs to be made larger.



5 About the Blades and Materials

5-1 Blade and Material Combinations

This section indicates the proper cutting conditions for various types of materials, as well as blade life-span. Cutting conditions and blade life vary according to the hardness of the material and the usage environment. Making the settings for the conditions described below does not automatically guarantee attractive cutting results in all situations. Before performing actual cutting, be sure to carry out a cutting test and make any necessary adjustments (see "3-3 Adjusting the Blade Force and Cutting Speed"). If the material is not cut through completely even when the blade force is increased by 50 to 60 gf more than the blade force values shown below, it means that the useful life of the blade has ended. Replace with a new blade.

Blade	Material	Blade force	Speed	Blade offset	Life of a blade (General guide)
ZEC-U1005	General Signage Vinyl	50 to 150 gf	85 cm/sec.	0.25 mm (0.01 in.)	8000 m
ZEC-U5025	General Signage Vinyl Fluorescent Vinyl Reflective Vinyl	30 to 100 gf 120 to 200 gf 100 to 200 gf	85 cm/sec. 85 cm/sec. 85 cm/sec.	0.25 mm (0.01 in.) 0.25 mm (0.01 in.) 0.25 mm (0.01 in.)	4000 m 4000 m 4000 m
ZEC-U1715	Rubber material for sandblasting stencil	100 to 200 gf	20 cm/sec.	0.25 mm (0.01 in.)	Varies according to material type
ZEC-U3017	Signage vinyl (material thickness 0.1 mm or less)	100 gf or less	85 cm/sec.	0.175 mm (0.007 in.)	4000 m

st The values for life-span are intended to serve as a general guide when cutting materials of identical type.

^{*} When you are cutting small text (character height of 3 mm for alphanumeric characters or more), ZEC-U3017 can produce more attractive cutting results than other blades.

^{*} Use the included blade under conditions equivalent to those for the ZEC-U5025.

5-2 About Special Materials

[Rubber materials for sandblasting stencils which can be cut]

- A) Materials with a material thickness of 1 mm (0.04 in.) or less
- B) Materials with only carrier paper on both flanks of the material (Position the left and right pinch rollers above the strips of carrier paper.)
- C) Materials with carrier paper which is hard enough to withstand material feed

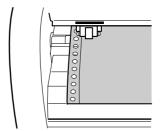


[Material with sprocket-feed holes]

Material for sprocket-feed use has feed holes along both edges.

If the material is loaded with these holes lying over the pinch rollers, material feed cannot be performed correctly.

When you are using this with this machine, load it as shown in the figure.



[About the Separating Knife]

It may not be possible to sever some thicker materials (such as rubber sandblasting templates) or thin, flimsy materials. Material with a strong tendency to reroll (that is, with a warp in the direction of the cutting surface) may catch on the carriage after being cut off. Do not sever those materials with the separating knife.

6 Descriptions of Features

6-1 Key Operations

This describes the key operations. Refer to this together with the display-menu flowcharts on the following pages to make settings using the menus.

Direct Keys

[MEMORY] [FORCE] [SPEED]

Pressing any one of these three keys displays the setting screen. Use $[\ \ \]$ and $[\ \ \ \ \]$ to change the setting value, then press $[\ \ \ \]$ to enable the setting.

Menu Mode

Pressing the [MENU] key several times enters the menu mode. Key operations in the menu mode are as follows.

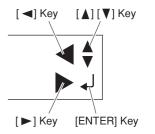
- [**▲**][**▼**]
- Moving to the previous menu screen or the next menu screen
- Selecting a setting value
- Moving the material
- Moving to the setting screen
 - Moving the carriage
- Moving to the previous screen (quitting the menu mode)
 - Moving the carriage
- [ENTER]
- Executing a menu item
- Enabling a setting

Pressing the [◄] key without pressing the [ENTER] key returns you to the previous screen without changing the setting.



Guidance for Key Operations in the Menu Mode

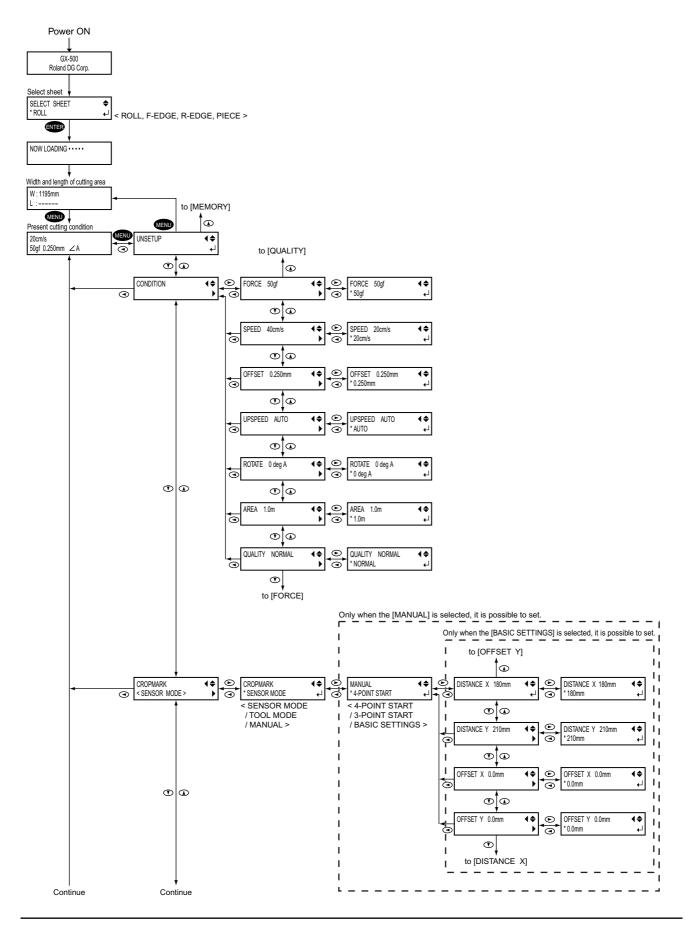
When you're in the menu mode, key-operation guidance appears at the right edge of the display. The keys shown on the display at that time are used for operation.

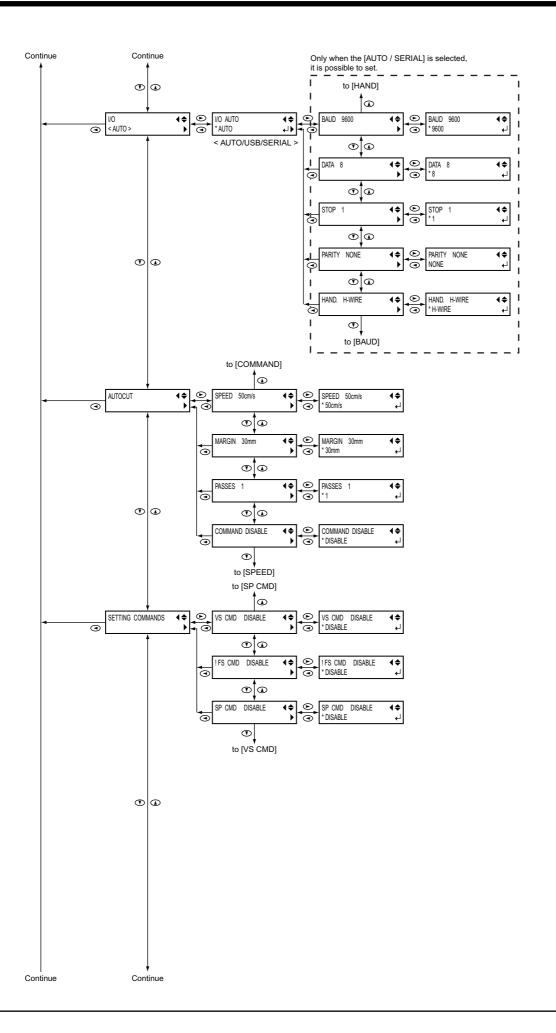


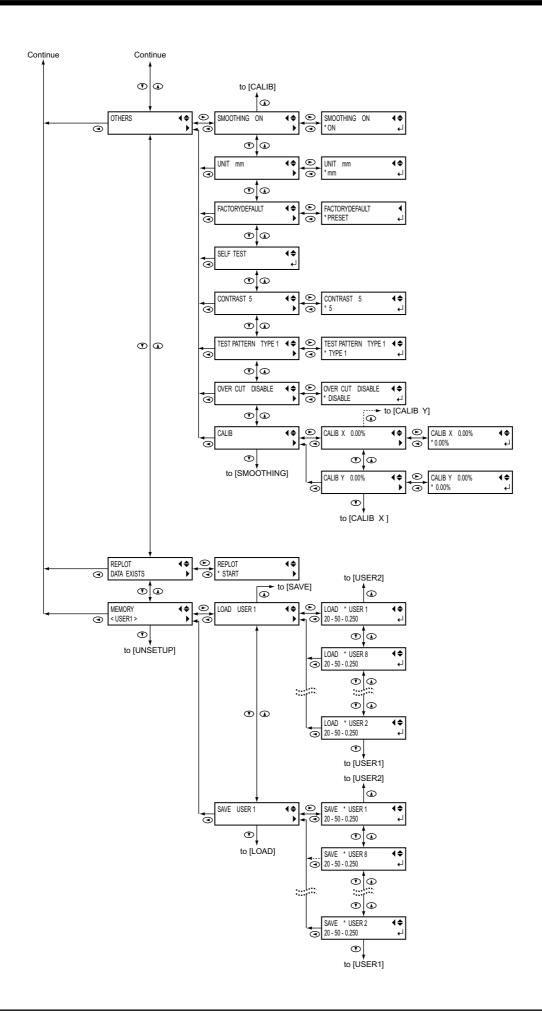
^{*} If you press another key without pressing [ENTER], the setting value does not change.

6-2 Display Menus Flowchart

For details about each of the menus, see "6-3 List of Functions."







6-3 List of Functions

● Control-key Functions

This describes the functions of the control keys when pressed.

Key	Function	Range	Default
MEMORY	This calls up user-set cutting conditions matched to the	USER1 to 8	-
	tool and material in use.		
FORCE	This sets the force for the blade during cutting.	20 to 350 gf	50 gf
	Perform a cutting test and set the conditions to match	(10 gf step)	
	the loaded material and the installed blade.		
SPEED	This sets the speed for the blade during cutting.	1 to 85 cm/s	20 cm/s
	Perform a cutting test and set the conditions to match	(1 cm/s step)	
	the loaded material and the installed blade.		
CURSOR	These move the material and the carriage.	_	_
[▲] [▼] [◄] [►]	When a menu is displayed, these change the menu		
	items and setting values.		
PAUSE	This pauses cutting. The PAUSE LED lights up while	_	_
	operation is paused. Pressing this a second time		
	cancels the paused state. Holding down the [ENTER]		
	key for 0.5 seconds or longer while paused quits		
	cutting. This key is also effective when performing		
	material feed using the [AREA] menu.		
MENU	Pressing this repeatedly switches sequentially among	_	_
	the presently set cutting conditions, the menu mode,		
	and the width-display screen.		
	Pressing this key when in the Menu mode returns you		
	to the cutting conditions screen.		
ENTER	This enables, runs, or stores the item shown on the	_	_
	display.		
ORIGIN	Holding down this key for 0.5 seconds or longer sets	_	_
	the origin point at the present blade position (the blade		
	center).		
SHEET CUT	Holding down this key for 0.5 seconds or longer cuts	_	_
	off the material at the present position of the separating		
	knife. Press this to sever an already-cut piece of		
	material from a roll of material. Severing cannot be		
	performed while cutting is in progress.		
TEST	Holding down this key for 0.5 seconds or longer	_	_
	performs a cutting test at the present blade position.		
	For more information, see "3-3 Adjusting the Blade		
	Force and Cutting Speed."		
MENU + Power on	This sets the language for messages on the display.	ニホンゴ/ENGLISH/	ENGLISH
(LANG.)	You can select from among seven languages:	DEUT/FRANC/ESPAN	
	Japanese, English, German, French, Spanish, Italian,	ITAL/PORTOG	
	and Portuguese.		
Power on	This selects the type of material to use and enables the	ROLL/PIECE/	_
(SELECT SHEET)	setup state. For more information, see "4-2 Details of	F-EDGE/R-EDGE	
	the Origin-point Location and Cutting Area."		

Description of Menu Items

This describes the items and functions available when you press [MENU] and enter the menu mode.

Menu UNSETUP		Function	Range	Default
		This cancels material setup (unsetup).	_	_
CONDITION	FORCE	This sets the force of the blade when the material is cut. Make the setting suitable for the material and the blade installed in consideration of the result of the cutting test.	20 to 350 gf (10 gf step)	50 gf
	SPEED	This sets the speed of the blade when the material is cut. Make the setting suitable for the material and the blade installed.	1 to 85 cm/s (1 cm/s step)	20 cm/s
	OFFSET	This sets the amount of offset for the blade during cutting. Perform a cutting test and set the conditions to match the loaded material and the installed blade. When using the included blade, cutting can be performed using the factory-default settings.	0 to 1.000 mm (0.025 mm step)	0.250 mm
	UPSPEED	This sets the speed of movement when the blade is raised and moves to the next position for cutting during a cutting operation.	AUTO/ 10 to 50 cm/s (10 cm/s step)	AUTO
	ROTATE	This rotates the cutting coordinate origin by 90 degrees. The default setting is [0deg], which means that the origin is at the bottom left of the material. Setting this to [90deg] moves the origin to the bottom right of the material, thereby rotating the cutting pattern by 90 degrees. * Don't forget that the coordinate axis changes when the origin is rotated.	0deg/90deg	0deg
	AREA	This moves the material by the length to be cut before actual cutting is performed, making it possible to ensure that the material will not slip or come loose during cutting. When performing continuous cutting on the same material, this can also be used to make sure that there is enough remaining material to cut the data that will be sent. When you are performing front loading, this feeds the specified length of material to the rear to ensure the cutting area, and shifts the origin point. You can pause or stop material feed by pressing the [PAUSE] key during execution.	24.9 m toward the front to 24.9 m toward the rear (0.1 m step)	1.0 m toward the front
	QUALITY	This sets the cutting quality. Ordinarily this is left set to NORMAL]. When rapid cutting is desired, such as when cutting a large material, set this to [HI-SPEED]. When load is large, or if the material is not cut smoothly, or when small text is to be cut attractively, set this to [HEAVY].	NORMAL/ HI-SPEED/ HEAVY	NORMAL
CROPMARK		This is used when creating stickers or the like by cutting material on which alignment marks (crop marks) have been printed around figures. When using the included program, select either [SENSOR MODE] or [TOOL MODE]. For more information, refer to the electronic-format manual ("Printing and Cutting Guide" (for Windows) or "Macintosh Cutting Guide" (for Macintosh).) When using a program other than the included one, select [MANUAL]. For information on how to perform this operation, refer to "4-9 The Crop Mark Feature."	SENSOR MODE/ TOOL MODE/ MANUAL	SENSOR MODE

Menu		Function	Range	Default
I/O		This makes the setting for the type of interface used	AUTO/	AUTO
		for connection to the computer. This is normally set to	USB/	
		[AUTO].	SERIAL	
		This machine cannot use two ports concurrently. When		
		set to [AUTO], the first port that receives data after the		
		power is turned on is selected as the usable port.		
		To use the other port, either reset the power or change		
		the interface setting using this menu item.		
		For example, if the first set of data is received by the		
		USB port, then to receive the next set of data using the		
		serial port, it is necessary either to reset the power or to		
		change the setting to [SERIAL]. When using a serial		
		connection, the machine's settings are used for the		
		communication parameters.		
		If the interface is not recognized correctly when set to		
		[AUTO], use the menu to choose the type of interface		
		you're using. When using a USB connection, choose		
		[USB]. When using a serial connection, choose		
		[SERIAL].		
	BAUD	Set the communication speed for a serial connection.	9600/4800	9600
		It is effective only when connected to the computer		
		using a serial cable.		
	DATA	Set the number of data bits for a serial connection.	1 ~ 8	8
		It is effective only when connected to the computer		
		using a serial cable.		
	STOP	Set the number of stop bits for a serial connection.	1/2	1
		It is effective only when connected to the computer		
		using a serial cable.		
	PARITY	Set the type of parity checking for a serial connection.	NONE/	NONE
		It is effective only wen connected to the computer	EVEN/	
		using a serial cable.	ODD	
	HAND	Set the handshaking (flow control) for a serial	H-WIRE/	H-WIRE
		connection.	XONOFF	
		It is effective only when connected to the computer		
		using a serial cable.		
UTOCUT	SPEED	This sets the [AUTOCUT] (material cutoff) speed.	40 to 85 cm/s	50 cm/s
		Set this to a suitable speed for the loaded material.	(1 cm/s step)	
	MARGIN	This sets the amount of margin from the cut edge of the	5 to 50 mm	30 mm
		material for the next starting point for cutting after	(5 mm step)	
		cutting off the material.	(
	PASSES	This sets the number of times material cutoff is	1/2	1
	17.0020	performed (once for [1] or twice for [2]). When working	.,_	·
		with thicker material or other material that's difficult to		
		cut, set this to [2]. Pressing the [SHEET CUT] key once		
		performs material cutoff the number of times set here.		
	COMMAND	This selects whether the material-cutoff command is	DISABLE/ENABLE	DISABLE
	COMMAND	enabled or disabled.	DIO (DEL/LIVADEL	PIONDEL
		When set to [ENABLE], material cutoff is performed		
		automatically when a material-cutoff command is sent		
		from the computer.		
		Pressing the [SHEET CUT] key performs material		
		cutoff regardless of whether the setting is [ENABLE] or		
		[DISABLE].		

Menu		Function	Range	Default
SETTING	VS CMD	To perform cutting at the speed determined by a VS	DISABLE/ENABLE	DISABLE
COMMANDS		command (tool speed setting command) sent from the		
		computer, set this to [ENABLE]. When set to		
		[DISABLE], cutting is performed using the values for		
		[**cm/s] at the cutting conditions screen and [UPSPEED].		
	!FS CMD	To perform cutting at the blade force determined by an	DISABLE/ENABLE	DISABLE
		FS command (tool force setting command) sent from		
		the computer, set this to [ENABLE]. When set to		
		[DISABLE], cutting is performed using the values for		
		[**gf] at the cutting conditions screen.		
	SP CMD	This is normally set to [DISABLE] when performing	DISABLE/ENABLE	DISABLE
		a cutting. When a tool-selection instruction (SP		
		instruction) is sent from the computer while this is set to		
		[DISABLE], the SP instruction is ignored and operation		
		continues without pause. When set to [ENABLE], SP		
		exchange instructions are accepted and operation		
		pauses. If tool change is needed, change the tool, then		
		press the [ENTER] key.		
OTHERS	SMOOTHING	If you want the curves of circles and arcs to be cut	ON/OFF	ON
		smoothly, set this to [ENABLE]. When on, however,		
		small text or intricate designs may also be cut with		
		rounded corners. If this happens, change the setting to		
		[DISABLE] and perform cutting again.		
	UNIT	Select the unit of measurement for numerical values	mm/	mm
		shown on the display.	inch	
		However, values are shown in metrics for the following		
		menus even when inch is selected.		
	FACTORY	This returns the settings values of the menu items to	PRESET	_
	DEFAULT	their factory-default values.		
		•		
	SELF TEST	This adjusts the respective distances of the X axis.	_	
		Compare the actual measurements of the cutting		
		results with the data sent from the computer to		
		calculate and set the distance adjustment value.		
	CONTRAST	This changes the contrast of the display.	5 to 1	5
	TEST	This changes the cutting-test pattern carried out when	TYPE1/TYPE2	TYPE1
	PATTERN	you press the [TEST] key.		
		This performs an ordinary cutting test with [TYPE 1].		
		For thin materials or cases where graphics are too		
		small to obtain good cutting results with [TYPE 1],		
		make the potting for ITVDE 01		
		make the setting for [1 FPE 2]. TYPE 1 TYPE 2		
		The Contract of the Contract o		

Men	nu	Function	Range	Default
	OVER	This cuts an excess margin of 1 mm (0.04 in.) from the	DISABLE/ENABLE	DISABLE
	CUT	first and last line segments.		
		This selection is normally set to [DISABLE], and is set		
		to [ENABLE] when cutting especially attractive corners		
		is desired. When cutting small text or intricate		
		graphics, however, this should be set to [DISABLE] to		
		avoid cutting the text or graphics portion of material.		
(CALIB	This adjusts the respective distances of the X axis and	-2.00 to 2.00 %	0.00 %
		Y axis. Compare the actual measurements of the	(0.01 % step)	
		cutting results with the data sent from the computer to		
		calculate and set the distance adjustment value.		
REPLOT		[START]	-	-
		Performs cutting using the data in the replot memory.		
		[CLEAR]		
		Deletes the data in the replot memory.		
MEMORY		This stores the cutting conditions to match the blade	USER1 ~ 8	-
		and material in use. You can set the following five types		
		of parameters: [SPEED], [OFFSET], [FORCE],		
		[UPSPEED] and [QUALITY]. These settings can be		
		stored in memory as eight patterns (numbered USER1		
		through 8).		

7 Maintenance

7-1 Cleaning

NOTICE

Always turn off this machine before cleaning it.

Never lubricate the mechanisms.

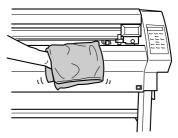
Do not clean with solvents (such as benzine or thinner).

[Cleaning the body]

Use a cloth moistened with water then wrung well, and wipe gently to clean. Wipe the operation panel and display gently with a clean, soft cloth.

[Cleaning the platen]

Use a cloth moistened with water then wrung well, and wipe gently to clean.



[Cleaning the grit rollers]

With the sheet loading levers lowered and the pinch rollers raised, use a commercially available brush to remove dust and other detritus. Brush horizontally while rotating the grit rollers.

If dust builds up it may prevent the material from being held securely, and degrade plot precision.



[Cleaning the pinch rollers]

Lower the sheet loading levers and raise the pinch rollers. Use a cloth moistened with water then wrung well, and wipe gently to clean.

[Cleaning the blade holder cap]

If material debris is adhering to the inner surface of the cap for the blade holder, loosen and remove the cap, then remove the material debris.

If corners and curves are not cut attractively, or if cutting is discontinuous, clean the blade holder cap.



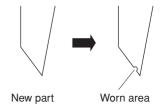
7-2 Consumable Items

[Blade]

If any of the following occurs, it means the blade has reached the end of its useful life. Replace with a new blade.

- The blade tip is broken.
- Uncut areas remain even when blade force is raised 50 to 60 gf.
- Cutting traces are not as attractive as they were previously.
- When cutting details or corners, the material layer peels away from the carrier paper.

After prolonged use or cutting of hard material, the tip of the blade may become worn as shown in the figure. Attractive cutting becomes impossible in such cases, so replace with a new blade.



[Blade holder]

When you adjust the blade tip and carry out cutting, the cap portion of the blade holder rubs against the material as cutting is performed, and so the end of the cap gradually becomes worn. When wear is severe, the blade tip cannot be adjusted correctly, and attractive cutting becomes impossible. Replace with a new blade holder.

When the blade holder has been in use for a prolonged period, the bearing that supports the blade deteriorates, impeding rotation of the blade. Continued use while in this state may make attractive cutting impossible because the blade tip cannot rotate easily.

If corners and curves are not cut attractively, or if cutting is discontinuous, refer to "7-1 Cleaning" and clean the blade holder cap. If this does not improve the results, replacing the blade holder may bring about improvement.

[Blade protector]

If cutting is carried out when the amount of blade extension or blade force is not adjusted correctly, the blade tip may pierce the material's carrier paper, resulting in damage to the blade protector. Performing cutting with a damaged blade protector may make attractive cutting impossible.

When the surface of the blade protector is deformed by scratching or the like, it is necessary to replace the blade protector. Contact your authorized Roland DG Corp. dealer.

7-3 How to Replace the Separating Knife

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Make sure the power to the unit is off before attempting to replace the separating knife.

Doing so may result in injury.

If the separating knife is not sharp enough to cut attractively, replace it with the replacement knife included with this machine. Follow the steps below to replace the knife.

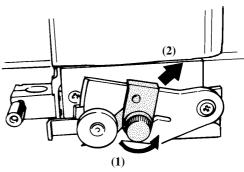


Switch off the power to the machine.



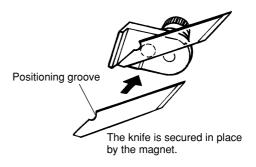
? Remove the separating knife.

- (1) Loosen the screw until it slips out.
- (2) Grasp the screw portion, and slowly pull it out in the direction of the arrow.
 - * Do not pull back while doing this.



 * If the blade remains in the carriage, use tweezers to remove it.

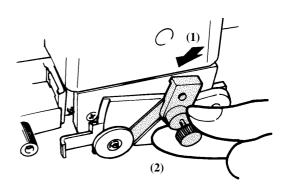
3 Replace with a new knife.





Install the separating knife.

- (1) Grasp the screw portion and slowly insert it into the groove.
 - * Take care to ensure that the knife does not slip
- (2) Tighten the screw.



8 If There Is a Problem

8-1 Self-test Operation Check

This machine is provided with a self-test feature for verifying that operation is correct. If this machine does not operate correctly, follow the steps below to check its operation.

(No computer is required to perform an operation check.)

- Refer to "3-1 Loading the Material (Roll Material)" and load material.
- **2** Refer to "3-2 Installing a Blade" and install the blade holder in the tool carriage.
- **3** Press the [MENU] key several times.



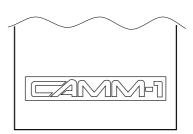
Press the [▼] key several times.



Press the [▶] key.
Press the [▼] key several times.



Press the [ENTER] key.
The operation check starts. Operation is correct if the cutting shown in the figure is performed.



8-2 What to do if...

GX-500/400/300 Troubleshooting			
Is the power cord connected correctly?	Connect the power cord bundled to the machine, and plug the other end securely into an electrical outlet.		
Is the machine power on ?	Turn on the power.		
Is the machine in the temporary halt state? Is operation paused?	If the screen shown in the figure is displayed, it means that operation is paused. To resume cutting, press the [PAUSE] key again. To quit cutting, firstly stop the flow of cutting instructions from the computer, there hold down the [ENTER] key for 0.5 seconds or longer.		
Is the machine in the setup state?	If the machine is not in the setup state (the SETUP LED is dark), cutting cannot be performed even if data is sent. Refer to "3-1 Loading the Material" and load the material correctly, then put the machine in the setup state.		
Are the settings for the software driver correct?	Make the correct settings for the output port. For more information, refer to the "Installation and Setup Guide" on the included CD-ROM.		
Are the computer and the machine connected correctly?	Correctly connect the computer and the machine. For more information, refer to "2-2 Rear View" or the "Installation and Setup Guide" on the included CD-ROM.		
Is the OS set up correctly ?	Check the following items: • Output port selection • Output device selection • Output command • Other settings Check the OS's user's manual and set it up correctly.		
Are the application software settings correctly?	When specifying the output device, select the name of a model that supports the instruction set. If the instruction set is different, completely different instructions may be sent, resulting in an error. Settings for the output origin point and the like may also be required. Check the software user's manual and set it up correctly.		

A	message appears on the display
BAD POSITION	The location of one or more of the pinch rollers is not correct. Press the [ENTER] key to clear the error, then reload the material correctly. (Refer to "3-1 Loading the Material (Roll Material).")
SHEET UNLOADED	This is displayed when the material has been loaded at a position where the sheet sensor does not function. Follow the steps under "3-1 Loading the Material (Roll Material)" to load the material so that it is positioned above the sheet sensor. This is displayed when the material is removed after pressing the [ENTER] key. Load a material and press any key to cancel the error message.
MOTOR ERROR	Shows motor error status. This is displayed when the machine experiences excess load, such as for one of the following reasons: Cutting was performed with thick material loaded. Cutting was performed without first feeding out the material, and the material was then pulled out suddenly during cutting. The material has jammed. If this happens, reset the power using the power switch. (If the material is jammed, then before you switch the power back on, remove the material.) For large cutting data with a roll material, use the [AREA] function on the displamenu to feed the roll material by the length of the cut (ensure a small margin by setting a length that is about 0.1 m longer than the cutting data). When you are using thick material, change the [QUALITY] setting from [NORMAL] to [HEAVY]. (See "6-3 List of Functions" and refer to [QUALITY].) If the foregoing message appears and operation stops even when you perform cutting while set to [HEAVY], switch the power off and back on, then press [SPEED] and set [** cm/s] to a smaller value. (See "6-3 List of Functions.")
TOOL-CHG:TOOL No	The machine is in standby for tool replacement. If tool replacement is not necessary, then simply press [ENTER]. The [SP CMD] menu item should normally be set to [DISABLE].

Cut lines ar	e uneven or not cut attractively
Are the blade and blade holder installed correctly and securely ?	Install them tightly enough not to loose (see "3-2 Installing a Blade.")
Are there material debris in the blade holder?	Remove the cap from the blade holder and clean out the debris. (Refer to "7-1 Cleaning.")
Is a thick material being used?	When you are using thick material, set the [QUALITY] to [HEAVY]. (Refer to "4-1 Detailed Cutting-condition Settings.")
Has the blade holder deteriorated?	Replace with a new blade holder. (Refer to "7-2 Consumable Items.")
Is the blade protector damaged?	Replace with a new blade protector. (Refer to "7-2 Consumable Items.")
Is the blade offset set correctly?	Set at an appropriate value. (Refer to "4-1 Detailed Cutting-condition Settings") Also, depending on the program you're using, you may be able to set the offset with the program. In such cases, make sure that the program setting does not conflict with the machine's setting.
Uncut areas	remain or the material is not cut
Is the blade chipped ?	If it is, replace it with a new one (see "3-2 Installing a Blade").
Are blade force, blade offset, and cutting speed appropriate for the material being cut?	Carry out a cutting test and set the appropriate values. (Refer to "4-1 Detailed Cutting-condition Settings" and "3-3 Adjusting the Blade Force and Cutting Speed.")
Th	ne carrier paper is cut
Are the amount of blade extension and blade force appropriate for the material being cut?	Adjust the amount of blade extension and the blade force appropriately. (Refer to "4-1 Detailed Cutting-condition Settings" and "3-3 Adjusting the Blade Force and Cutting Speed.")
The material rise up during	g cutting, and the blade scratches the material
Is wide material being used?	When using material having a width grater than 762 mm (30 in.), lower the middle pinch roller at a position over a grit roller near the center of the material.
Is the up speed too fast?	Use the menu to lower the setting for [UPSPEED]. (Refer to "4-1 Detailed Cutting-condition Settings.")
The start and e	nd points for cutting are not same
Are the blade and blade holder installed correctly and securely ?	Install them correctly and securely enough not to loose (see "3-2 Installing a Blade").
Are you using thick or hard material?	When you are cutting thick or hard material, the start point and end point might no be same.

Blank areas are produced on the material

Are the blank areas due to the specifications?

Mechanical limitations produce margins at the front, back, left, and right of the material. (Refer to "4-2 Details of the Origin-point Location and Cutting Area.")

Flat material cannot be set up as "PIECE" (the length is not displayed)

Is the length 1.6 m (63 in.) or longer?

Attempting to set up flat material having a length of 1.6 m or longer as [PIECE] causes the material to be recognized as roll material. (Refer to "4-2 Details of the Origin-point Location and Cutting Area.")

The Material slips away from the pinch rollers during the cutting process

The material slips away iro	m the pinch rollers during the cutting process
Is a material with sprocket holes being used?	If a material with holes for sprocket feed is being used, placing the pinch roller above the hole portion may cause the material to slip. Be sure to set the pinch roller over the material to the inner side of the hole portion.
When a flat material (such as a standard-size material or piece material) has been loaded, has the "PIECE" setting been selected for the material type?	When loading the material, select [PIECE] for the [SELECT SHEET] display menu (refer to "4-4 Loading Flat Material (Standard-size Material, Cut Material, Etc.)").
Is the material being cut blocked at some position?	Make sure that the left and right edges of the material do not touch the inner surfaces or the shafts of the machine during cutting. Such contact may not only damage the material, but could also make normal material advancing impossible and cause the material to slip.
Is the material being loaded parallel to the grit rollers?	When the front edge of the material is cut diagonally, cut off the odd-shaped part to make it straight, then align it so that it is parallel to the grit roller. When the material is fed for a long distance, the material will be less likely to slip out of alignment if the pinch rollers are moved inward slightly (5 to 25 mm). When a roll material is loaded, use the display menu [AREA] function to feed a material by the length to be used (ensure a small margin by setting a length that is about 0.2 m longer than the cutting data), make sure the pinch rollers are still in contact with the material (not off the left or right edges, or on the edges), and then cut. If the material is pulled while cutting it is more likely to halt because of material misalignment and motor errors.
Are the sheet loading levers lowered?	The material is not secured in place. Make sure the left and right pinch rollers are inside the edges of the material, then raise the sheet loading levers.
Are the pinch rollers damaged or deformed?	If the material comes loose even when it is loaded correctly, the useful life of the pinch rollers has ended. If this happens, contact your authorized Roland DG Corp. dealer. Also, when you are not performing cutting, leave the sheet loading levers lowered and the pinch rollers raised.

8-3 Error Messages

An error message will appear if incoming data has any of the errors listed in table. However, the error is shown in the display for informational purposes, the data transfer continues and you are allowed to perform the next operation.

To clear the display, press any key.

If an error occurs, correct cutting may become impossible.

The error messages that may appear on the display are described below.

In almost all cases, the cause is receiving incorrect data. For information about corrective action, go to "8-2 What to Do If..." and refer to "GX-500/400/300 Troubleshooting."

Error massage	Meaning
Er1: WRONG COMMAND	Appears if an instruction that the machine cannot interpret is sent.
Er2: WRONG NO.S	Appears if the number of parameters differs from the permissible number.
Er3: OUT OF RANGE	Appears if the value specified for a parameter is out of the permissible range.
Er15: RS-232ERR	Appears if framing error, parity error or overrun error occur when data is perceived.

9 Specifications

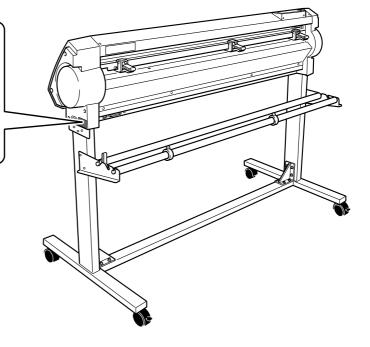
9-1 Locations of the Power Rating and Serial Number Labels

Serial Number

This is required when you seek maintenance, servicing, or support. Never peel off the label or let it get dirty.

Power Rating

Use an electrical outlet that meets the requirements for voltage, frequency, and amperage given here.



9-2 Specifications

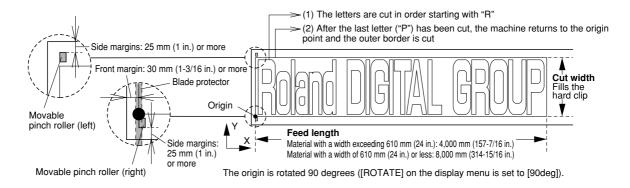
		GX-500	GX-400	GX-300	
Mechanism		Media-movement method			
Driving meth	od				
Maximum cu	tting area	Width: 1195 mm (47 in.)	Width: 1000 mm (39 in.)	Width: 737 mm (29 in.)	
		Length: 24998 mm (984-1/8 in.)	Length: 24998 mm (984-1/8 in.)	Length: 24998 mm (984-1/8 in.)	
Acceptable r	nedia widths	Min. 90 mm (3-1/2 in.) /	Min. 90 mm (3-1/2 in.) /	Min. 50 mm (2 in.)/ Max. 915 mm (36 in.)	
		Max. 1372 mm (54 in.)	Max. 1178 mm (46 in.)	(50 to 540 mm (2 in. to 21 in.),	
				582 to 915 mm (23 in. to 36 in.))	
Width of mat		0 to 1270 mm (0 in. to 50 in.)	0 to 1067 mm (0 in. to 42 in.)	0 to 812 mm (0 in. to 32 in.)	
Tools			Special blade for CAMM-1 series		
Maximum cu	tting speed	During cutting: 850 mm/sec	e. (in all directions) During tool-up: 120	2 mm/sec. (in 45° direction)	
Cutting spee	d	10 to	o 850 mm/sec. (in increments of 10 mm/	sec.)	
Blade force			20 to 350 gf		
Mechanical r	esolution		0.0125 mm/step (0.000492 in./step)		
Software resolution		0.025 mm/step (0.000984 in./step)			
Distance accuracy (*1)		Error of less than \pm 0.2% of distance traveled, or 0.1 mm (0.00394 in.), whichever is greater			
Repetition accuracy (*1)(*2)(*3)		0.1 mm or less			
Interface		Serial (RS-232C-compatible), USB (Rev 1.1)			
Replot memo	ory		2 MB (buffer size: 8 MB)		
Instruction s	ystem	Dedicated system (CAMM-GLIII-compatible)			
Power suppl	у	AC 100V to 240V ±	AC 100V to 240V ± 10% 50/60 Hz 1.2A AC 100V to 240V ± 10% 50		
Power consu	ımption	Approx.	Approx. 100W Approx. 95		
Acoustic noi	se level	Cutting mode: 62dB (A) or less Standby mode: 40dB (A) or less			
			(according to ISO 7779)		
Dimensions	Main unit	1602 mm (W) x 264 mm (D) x 398 mm (H)	1407 mm (W) x 264 mm (D) x 398 mm (H)	1144 mm (W) x 264 mm (D) x 398 mm (H)	
		(63-1/16 in. (W) x 10-3/8 in. (D) x 15-11/16 in. (H))	(55-3/8 in. (W) x 10-3/8 in. (D) x 15-11/16 in. (H))	(45-1/16 in. (W) x 10-3/8 in. (D) x 15-11/16 in. (H))	
	With stand	1602 mm (W) x 727 mm (D) x 1113 mm (H)	1407 mm (W) x 727 mm (D) x 1113 mm (H)	1144 mm (W) x 727 mm (D) x 1113 mm (H)	
		(63-1/16 in. (W) x 28-5/8 in. (D) x 43-13/16 in. (H))	(55-3/8 in. (W) x 28-5/8 in. (D) x 43-13/16 in. (H))	(45-1/16 in. (W) x 28-5/8 in. (D) x 43-13/16 in. (H))	
Weight	Main unit	35 kg (77.2 lb.)	31 kg (68.3 lb.)	26 kg (57.3 lb.)	
	With stand	55 kg (121.2 lb.)	51 kg (112.4 lb.)	44 kg (97 lb.)	
Operating te	mperature		5 to 40°C (41 to 104°F)		
Operating hu	ımidity		35 to 80% (non-condensing)		
Accessories		Power cord, blade holder (XD-CH2), pi	n, blade, alignment tool, cable clamp, re	placement blade for separating knife,	
		USB cable, Roland software package C	D-ROM, setup guide, user's manual		

. According to material and cutting conditions as specified by Roland DG Corp. (refer to the following page). *2

Excluding stretching/contraction of the material
*3
Range for assured repetition accuracy
For materials with a width exceeding 610 mm (24 in.): Length 4,000 mm (157-7/16 in.) (GX-500/400 only)
For materials with a width of 610 mm (24 in.) or less: Length 8,000 mm (314-15/16 in.)

(*1) The following conditions must be satisfied:

- Material type: 3M Scotchcal Mastercut
- Special stand (a roll material must be set at the rear and on the sheet hanger)
- Side margins: 25 mm (1 in.) or more for both the left and right margins
- Front margin: 30 mm (1-3/16 in.) or more (After loading the material, using the display menu to select [F-EDGE] as the material type automatically sets a front margin of 30 mm (1-3/16 in.).)
- Use of the display menu's [AREA] function to perform feed of the material length plus 0.2 m and set the material correctly
- · Cutting the following data one time



9-3 Interface Specifications

[Serial]

Standard	RS-232C specifications				
Transmission method	Asynchronous, duplex data transmission				
Transmission speed	4800, 9600 (Selected using panel keys.)				
Parity check	Odd, Even, or None (Selected using panel keys.)				
Data bits	7 or 8 bits (Selected using panel keys.)				
Stop bits	1 or 2 bits (Selected using panel keys.)				
Handshake	Hardwire (power on) or XON/XOFF (Selected using panel keys.)				

[USB]

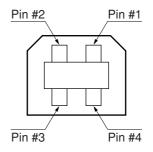
Standard	Universal Serial Bus Specification Revision 1.1
	Universal Serial Bus Device Class Definition for Printing Device Version 1.1
Transmission speed	12Mbps (Full Speed Device)
Data format	NRZI
Compatible connector	Series B

[Serial connecter (RS-232C)]

Signal number	Terminal number		Signal number	Pin Connection
NC	25	13	NC	
NC	24	12	NC	
NC	23	11	NC	
NC	22	10	NC	
NC	21	9	NC	13 1
DTR	20	8	NC	00000000000
NC	19	7	SG	(000000000000
NC	18	6	DSR	25 14
NC	17	5	CTS	
NC	16	4	RTS	
NC	15	3	RXD	
NC	14	2	TXD	
		1	FG	

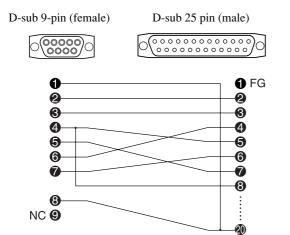
[USB connector]

Pin number	Signal	Remark
1	VCC	Cable power
2	- Data	
3	+ Data	
4	GND	Cable ground



[XY-RS-34 serial cable connection]

Note: When making a serial connection using a cable other than a XY-RS-34 cable from Roland DG Corp., use a serial cable wired as shown in the figure below.



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